

## LOCAL WEATHER

Probably light snow tonight or Saturday. Not so cold tonight. Moderately cool Saturday.

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## MAHONEY GIVES HIS VERSION OF PLAN'S LEGALITY

Cites State Laws to Back His Contentment That One-man Board Is Feasible

**SIDSWIPE AT HIS HONOR**  
Alderman from Ninth Ward Points Out That Bentley Has Not Always Been Right

"My opinion is just as good as the mayor's legal advice," said Alderman Paul W. Mahoney on Tuesday, in a statement by the mayor in which the latter said he had obtained through the attorney general's office an opinion that the Mahoney plan of a one-man board of public works was contrary to state law.

On Friday Mr. Mahoney showed further faith in his plan by giving out his own version of its legal status. It is a version that calls sections of the state law regarding cities to witness, the vindication of the plan's feasibility. Incidentally, the alderman from the Ninth ward takes a paragraph in which he notes that the mayor's stand on the question of legality have not always been sound, instancing the library case as an example. It will be remembered that in that famous controversy, after Mayor Bentley and other city officials had refused, on the ground of illegality, to pay money voted by the council to the library, they were defeated before the supreme court.

Alderman Mahoney's statement follows. Now that efforts to get a better system of government for the City of La Crosse, are being made, the enemies of the reform, are busy placing all of the stumbling blocks in the way that are possible.

The mayor announces through the public press that he has secured legal advice on the ordinance prepared and introduced by me at the November (special) meeting, providing that the city shall abolish the board of public works and in place of that board have its duties performed by a manager to be appointed by the council. The mayor announces that his legal adviser has declared the appointment of such a manager illegal and that there are only two things that can be done to change our system. First, abolish the board and then automatically the city engineer, city controller and city attorney would become the board. Second, abolish the board and provide for a new board, such as part of the committee on revision recommended, that is that the mayor, city controller and city attorney be created as a new board, of course with additional salaries. I presume this is the board the present mayor favors.

**Mayor Not Always Right**  
I do not know who the mayor's legal adviser is, but I am quite sure "Continued on page six, column four."

## VILLISTA FORCES ATTACK TORREON IS BORDER REPORT

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 22.—Villa's forces attacked Torreon at four o'clock Friday morning and a battle for possession of the city was raging at daybreak. This information reached here by wire to Mexican government officials.

The only news of the attack was a brief bulletin sent out of Torreon to Chihuahua City by the government wireless as the assaults started. The message reached El Paso by land wires.

Early Thursday Villistas captured Bermijillo, about thirty miles north of Torreon, after the garrison had fled to the latter city.

Torreon is the railway key to northern Mexico, many lines converging at that point. In possession of Villa, the chief bandit could dominate the railways leading to the northeastern border. The population of Torreon is about 40,000.

Villa with 5,000 troops was reported Thursday as approaching Torreon and driving back government troops sent north to oppose his advance.

Military observers here point out that Villa should have little difficulty in taking Torreon as the garrison there was weakened when General Murguía marched northward to the aid of Chihuahua City.

## THEIR IS A MORAL TO THIS STORY OF TIM AND HIS FAMILY

There was once a mailman here in La Crosse, "pleasant agreeable Tim" he used to be called. Tim lived in a valley beyond the city with his father and mother and eight brothers and sisters. The children were all big, healthy-looking individuals. The daughters were robust and the sons strapping at the beginning of this story; a few years later all of them were dead except the mother and the oldest daughter. Nine persons dead out of a family of eleven within a very short time. What was the cause? The cause was the same dread disease which is prompting plans for the building of a sanitarium right now: tuberculosis.

Tim's family lived first in a log cabin. All the boys slept together on the second floor in one big room. That room had windows but at night those windows were usually closed. The whole cabin was too warm and poorly ventilated. Later on Tim's father built another house. But his family had become infected with the germs of tuberculosis and brought the germs with them to their new home. Two by two the children began to die, and soon the house was almost empty. Only the old mother and one daughter were left to follow the last corpse to the graveyard.

THERE IS NO REASON WHY ANY OF TIM'S FAMILY OR TIM HIMSELF SHOULD HAVE DIED.

If these cases had been discovered in time and the proper treatment applied, they all could have been cured. What would have cured them were right diagnosis and sanitarium treatment. Probably Tim's family did not know what was the matter when one after another of them fell ill. If they had realized that fresh air, good food, well regulated exercise and plenty of rest would have cured them, don't you think that they would have resorted to those means?

The case of Tim and his family is not an isolated one. Many others just like it could be duplicated today in the rural districts. Knowledge about the disease is better disseminated in the cities; in the country, where it is harder to reach people, the percentage of tuberculosis is much higher.

What the men and women back of the movement to establish a sanitarium here in La Crosse want to do is to provide a place where all the Tims and their families may be cared for in the best way. Experience has proved that sanitarium treatment is best, cheapest and safest. And they hope that La Crosse county will see fit to further the health of its citizens and save lives by promoting such a movement.

## SWISS MILITARY SYSTEM ADVOCATE VISITS THE CITY

Universal Training League Representative Interviews Number of Leading Citizens

**FINDS MANY FOR PLAN**  
Publishes Statements Authorized by Four Leading Business and Professional Men

To discover the sentiment of this section of the middle west in regard to a universal army service, A. L. Fridstein, field secretary of the Universal Military Training League, has spent the last two days in La Crosse interviewing prominent business and professional men on the subject. On Friday he made public four of the interviews which have been authorized during his stay here—all of them favoring universal service.

The Universal Military Training League advocates a plan which is practically identical with that in vogue in Switzerland.

**Quotes Four Men**  
Mr. Fridstein quotes Frank P. Hixon, capitalist and president of the Chamber of Commerce, George W. Burton, president of the National Bank of La Crosse, Gysbert Van Steenwyk, president of the La Crosse clothing company, and James Thompson, lawyer. Their statements, as given out by the league's representative, follow:

**George W. Burton**—"In my judgment, universal compulsory military training would be of great moral as well as physical value to the young men of this country. I am not sure that I would not like to see the young men get the same training and discipline that it is the only scheme that will provide adequate protection and because I believe that it tends to create solidarity of feeling in the nation by the very fact that no man of normal health can escape the training and the great benefits thereof."

**James Thompson**—"I am in favor of universal military training. I am not in favor of war, but proper training is an every young man. Voluntary attendance at school did not prove a success and we made it compulsory. The same principle holds true in military training. It should be compulsory. Under such a system, everybody will be treated alike. I always have been and still am in favor of equality, and this is another instance in which to apply the doctrine."

**Six Months' Training**  
"Your leading citizens," said Mr. Fridstein on Friday, "like those of every other progressive city in America, have come to a realization of the fact that the time has now come when America must adopt a proper system of universal military training for all our young men. The Universal Military Training League is endeavoring to co-ordinate the generally wide spread belief in the necessity for this military policy. We are advocating a law by congress which will require every able bodied young man at the age of nineteen to undergo a period of six months of intensive military drill."

"Our plan would train from 500,000 to 600,000 men."

## What Do You Think of Universal Training ? ? ? ? ?

Out of the preparedness movement which has sprung up in the United States has grown a well-organized demand for universal military training. Various plans are proposed. Organizations of big men are actively at work pushing the propaganda. It is undoubtedly true that the next two years will see a decision for or against compulsory training to arms in the national congress.

One of the associations interested in the universal service propaganda has had a representative in La Crosse, interviewing the leaders of the local business and professional world. The opinions of four of the representative men he has seen are published in the issue, together with Mr. Fridstein's own argument for his cause.

Universal military service is one of the largest domestic issues confronting the United States. It must not be decided until it has been carefully examined in all its phases by the public.

What do YOU think about it? Do you approve? Do you disapprove? Why?

Write your opinion and your reason for holding it to THE TRIBUNE, in care of the Universal Service Editor.

## British Capture Egyptian Town On Egypt Border

LONDON, Dec. 22.—After two years' occupation by the enemy forces have taken El-Arish, according to a war office announcement Friday.

El-Arish is a fortified Egyptian town, on the Palestine border at the mouth of the river Wady-el-Arish (or "River of Egypt") on the Mediterranean sea.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Violent cannonading Thursday night in the region of Louviers, north of Verdun, was reported in Friday's official statement. Elsewhere along the western front it was quiet.

The statement also detailed an artillery duel Thursday north of Monastir, which was still continuing Friday. Patrol engagements on the Strumna front were also reported.

## SEARCH FOR VESSEL SUSPECTED OF BEING GERMAN SUPPLY BOAT

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 22.—A Chilean destroyer has been ordered to search for the steamer Tinto, now supposed to be at large in the southern Atlantic with a German crew and supplies from German vessels aboard.

The Tinto was originally detained in port, on suspicion that she was being outfitted as a supply ship for German commerce raiders but later released. Subsequently she was reported to have met another vessel, taken aboard a German crew and departed.

The Chilean destroyer will attempt to prevent any violation of neutrality by the Tinto.

## CONGRESS SAYS "HANDS OFF" IN MOVES OF PEACE

Both Houses Friday Refuse to Take Any Action on President's Note to Warring Nations

**STIR IN EITHER HOUSE**  
Bailey in House and Hitchcock in Senate Have Resolutions Referred, to Give Approval

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Congress will let the president have free hand in his attempt to find a common ground upon which European belligerents can meet to formulate plans for a lasting peace.

Both houses Friday refused to endorse or take any action on the president's action in dispatching his now historic notes to Europe's warring nations. The senate for the second time Friday refused to act on a resolution of approval.

In the house Representative Bailey moved that that body go on record as approving the president's action. The resolution was referred to the foreign affairs committee.

In the senate Hitchcock, Nebraska, offered a substitute to his resolution of Thursday. The substitute reads:

"Resolved, that the senate approves and strongly endorses the action taken by the president in sending diplomatic notes of December 18 to the nations now engaged in war, suggesting and recommending that those nations state the terms upon which peace might properly be discussed."

Hitchcock said he introduced the substitute because his first resolution had been sent to the foreign affairs committee where it probably would remain.

Senator Gallinger objected, asking that action be deferred until after the holidays.

The Bailey resolution was very similar to that of Hitchcock. He declared the president has rendered an invaluable service to a "war stricken world" and has afforded the belligerents an opportunity which, it is fervently hoped, they may not disregard.

"It would be a reflection upon the nations at war to doubt that they know the ends for which they are fighting or to assume that they have any purpose which they are unwilling to reveal," the resolution said.

A statement by both sides, it was said, no matter how divergent, would clear the way for peace by giving a basis for negotiations, "because we believe neither side will consent to assume responsibility for continuing the unspeakable horrors of this conflict, if any reasonable terms can be secured."

The resolution asked that the president be congratulated by congress for his stand.

## ROADS WORK TO BREAK FAMINE OF COAL IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The railroads Friday were making vigorous efforts to break the coal famine by moving every ton of coal in the Chicago switching district to its point of unloading. They agreed to give coal preference over every other commodity in switching.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The Colorado

trotter, A. R. G., 2:13 1/4, winner of fourteen races out of twenty starts in 1916, sold for \$1,700 at auction here to L. B. Brown of Denver, Dismeter, pacer, 2:03 1/4, went to H. H. Rogge of Dayton, Ohio, for \$1,525. S. F. Gildenstein of Milwaukee, bought the Canadian pacer, Beaver, 2:03 1/4, for \$1,100.

## BULGAR SOLDIER WHO WANTS TO LEARN ASKS WORK FOR CHRISTMAS

John Toneaff, Bulgar veteran and member of Company M, Third Wisconsin, is in line for a Christmas present— isn't he? John gave up a good job to go to the Texas border with the militia. Now he wants to go to school, and is looking for somebody who will give him work before and after school hours, and on Saturday.

Has anybody got that kind of a Christmas present for John? He's a good worker, according to B. F. Locke, where John was porter before he went to the front. And he wants mightily much to become a real American, and to be able to speak English and write letters that will not sound so Bulgarian as those quaint bits of his military correspondence that have from time to time appeared in THE TRIBUNE.

Here's John's letter of application for the job, Mister. Read it over and see if you can't find a little hole in your organization for a bright Bulgarian soldier with a thirst for education. If it hits a soft spot in your Christmas feelings, drop a line to THE TRIBUNE, and we'll put you in touch with John.

"The La Crosse Tribune  
"Mr. Editor  
"Dear Mr. Editor.

"I think no doubt you will be surprised, to hear from me. I haven't write you, but my need, say me to write, on one Educated dignified Master. Who have might to say one words some place, to employment. "One person who have one very good moral, or if you have work in your confidence R. Editor's Office: To give me (3) three hours after school, all day Saturday also.

"Mr. Editor, I have great big inclined, to finish some courses the English language. Whereas, I feel with very good consciences and forwardness apparent also. I have might, or feel to finish anyone course for promptly time.

"I think you know, who man have resirous to be Educated, or finish some course, the strange language; However, he can't work exceedingly work; I will come sometime, you look see work for me, I start to go to High School.

"MAIRRY CHRESMAS.  
"With other words saying, I am brief of the finances part; If you be my forwarder by anykind way, I never forget your kindness. Consequently, I am decided to live here, to the my eternal life, in this country. I think you know because. I am confident that you will be me forwarder. I

"Your Sincerely,

J. TONEAFF."

## CREDITORS PLAN TO EXAMINE WIFE OF A. M. CASTLE

Prepare to Call a Meeting and Put Mrs. Castle on the Stand After the Holidays

**CASTLE NOT LOCATED**  
Hints of Concealed Assets Put Edge on Creditors' Anticipation of a Hearing

The long-awaited examination of Mrs. A. M. Castle, wife of the local engine-dealer who left La Crosse just before his creditors closed up his business in one of the most sensational bankruptcy actions of recent years, will be held shortly after the holidays, it became known on Friday. Creditors of the defunct Castle Engineering company are preparing to call a meeting, and a petition to examine Mrs. Castle is expected to be made shortly to Referee C. L. Baldwin.

At the time of the smash last fall, Mrs. Castle declared that she knew where her husband had gone, and that he would return "at the proper time." Later Mrs. Castle said that her spouse could be found in the West Indies. It is known that several attempts have been made to locate the missing dealer, but attorneys for the creditors said on Friday no trace of him had been found.

Because of hints of "concealed assets, including a large sum of money which at the time of the wreck was alleged to have been in New York, the examination of Mrs. Castle is being looked forward to with much interest.

## Pneumonia Takes Lives Of Three More Guardsmen

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 22.—The names of three more national guardsmen have been added to the death list by the outbreak of pneumonia in this district. The men died at the base hospitals Thursday. They are: Percy J. Eisenhoer, 24, Company H, Fourth Pennsylvania, of Elizabethtown, Pa.

Roy E. Elliott, Company I, Thirty-first Michigan, of Ann Arbor. James K. Ormsby, machine gun company, Eighth Pennsylvania, of Shenandoah, Pa.

The funerals were to be held Friday.

## FAVORABLE REPORT ON BILL TO KEEP LIQUOR ADS FROM DRY STATES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The senate postoffice committee on Thursday reported favorably the bill barring from mails in dry states all liquor advertisements.

## FAMOUS TROTTER SOLD

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## DIPLOMATS OF ENTENTE HINT WILSON'S NOTE WILL NOT BE REJECTED

**BRITISH OFFICIAL STAND DELAYED BUT PRESS IS CAUSTIC**

"Deplorable Blunder," "Ill-timed," "Inopportune," Are Some of the Epithets Hurlled at Wilson Message

**BONAR LAW GIVES ANSWER**  
Chancellor of Exchequer Says Allies Cannot by Peace Now Have Greater Safety Than Before the War

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The attitude of the British government on President Wilson's peace note cannot be defined until after England has consulted with her allies, Chancellor of the Exchequer Bonar Law announced in the house of commons Friday. He spoke in reply to a question seeking exact definition of England's position on the note.

"Deplorable Blunder"  
The favorite remarks with which the Wilson note has been greeted were that it was "ill-timed," "inopportune," "doubtless well intentioned, but ill-advised," and "deplorable blunder."

The more England digests President Wilson's peace note the more bitter it feels. That was the conclusion to be drawn Friday from newspaper editorials in the afternoon papers which went even farther than those of the morning editions in denunciation of the American executive's move.

The afternoon press was a unit in its resentment. This bitterness was particularly manifested against Wilson's assertion that the objects for which all belligerents were striving were virtually the same. "It is singular, indeed," the Evening Standard declared, "that a statesman of Wilson's perspicacity can labor under the delusion that any move of his toward peace would be welcomed by the allies. The whole facts of the situation should warn him that intervention is not desired."

"We sincerely hope President Wilson is not ill," the Globe commented, "but we have grave doubts of his physical well being."

"Our feelings against outside action to stop the war before the essential objects have been attained are only what President Wilson's great predecessor felt when threatened with European intervention in the middle of the civil war," declared the Westminster Gazette. "But if President Wilson has knowledge, hitherto denied us, that the enemy is willing to acknowledge our claims, he will know we would be the last to respect his good offices."

Few question the motives or the spirit which impelled the note, but most of the editorials point out that it was unhappily conceived and tactlessly worded—especially in its references to "small nations." This, it was contended, conveyed the impression that the allies were equally guilty with the central powers in this respect.

Entire approbation was voiced through the press and by the public in the emphatic utterances of Chancellor of Exchequer Bonar Law in commons Thursday night regarding peace. His statement was construed as a direct answer to America.

"It is all very well to say 'Let us get their terms of peace,' he said, 'but can you get any terms more binding than the treaty for the protection of the neutrality of Belgium? Can you come to any conclusions on paper, or by promises that will give us greater security than we had before this war?'"

"Not this nation alone, but the neutral nations will, I hope, understand the position at which we have now arrived. Germany has made peace proposals. On what basis? On the basis of her victorious armies. Is there a man, who, considering the conditions under which this war was forced on us and the conditions under which the war has been carried on, honestly believes that the dangers and insecurities from which we have suffered can be cured in any other way than by making the Germans realize that frightfulness does not pay, that militarism is not going to rule the world?"

"What are we fighting for? Not territory, not greater strength as a nation. We are fighting for two things—for peace now and for the security for peace in time to come."

American correspondents Friday met pained wonderment everywhere among the government authorities over the peace note. In some quarters confidence was expressed that President Wilson was aiming primarily to impress upon Germany that the United States may be forced eventually to enter the war on the side of the allies, "unless Germany acceded to the allies' demands. But as a rule, utter inability to understand the motives behind the president's note was apparent.

**RAY OF HOPE SEEN DESPITE RECEPTION GIVEN PEACE NOTE**

Administration Believes Belligerents After First Surprise Will Give Serious Thought to Suggestions

**SEE STERN STAND OF U. S.**  
Warning Given That America Must Not Be Injured if World Holocaust Is Not Brought to an End

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—For the same reasons that Great Britain and her allies did not flatly reject the peace proposals of the Teutonic powers, they will not flatly turn down the suggestions made by President Wilson in his "peace messages," was the expressed belief of some entente diplomats here Friday.

This opinion was voiced to a United Press correspondent in intimate and confidential talks at two of the most important entente embassies in Washington. While for obvious reasons the sources of these opinions cannot be divulged, they are such as to have created a profound impression in official Washington.

**Expediency Reason**  
At these embassies two reasons were given for the above opinion. To show officially and formally "any regret" over the president's peace suggestions by flatly refusing his request for specific terms would

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—  
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+ Berlin, notified the state de-  
+ partment Friday he had re-  
+ ceived a copy of President  
+ Wilson's peace note for deliv-  
+ ery to the German foreign  
+ office.  
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be playing directly into German plans, since Germany then would have opportunity to reiterate the oft-repeated protestations that the entente allies are responsible for prolonging the war.

Such a flat turn down would tend to weaken what sympathy there now is in the United States for the entente allied cause.

These allied diplomats did not hesitate to admit "chagrin" over the president's suggestion that specification of war objectives is necessary. They said allied speakers have been specifying their objectives for two years and a half and that they ought to be apparent to all students of the war. It was this phase of the president's note—one which seemed to cause more regret than bitterness—which was particularly emphasized by the diplomats.

**Administration Hopeful**  
Recovering slowly from the dizzy whirl of Thursday's history-making developments, government officials and foreign diplomats here Friday looked to the foreign offices of the belligerent nations for the next peace move.

As outlined in Friday's reports, the strongest exception was that taken to President Wilson's overtures in both English and Canadian papers. This outspoken exception, seemingly, has been toned down, the move now being called merely, "inopportune." The attitude of allied diplomats here also show a trend in the same direction.

The administration believes, however, this feeling is not sufficient to cast any real gloom over the situation.

It appears the same surprise and wonderment was occasioned in Europe by the president's overtures as were manifest here when his move became known.

This first wonderment over, the president believes the warring nations will feel far more inclined at least seriously and carefully to consider his suggestions.

Accurate sounding of the allied governments' attitude cannot be definitely known for several days at least.

Allied diplomats believed Lansing's first statement Thursday morning indicated the United States was not acting for Germany in making its peace suggestions.

Teuton diplomats, somewhat startled at the first Lansing statement felt rather relieved at the supplementary statement of the afternoon.

**Sees Ultimate Good**  
This government is meanwhile convinced when this accurate sounding  
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**1 MORE SHOPPING DAY UNTIL CHRISTMAS.**

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Salad Bowls... **75c, \$1.00 and \$2.00**

Comb and Brush Tray **\$.1 and \$1.25**

Etched Glass Water Sets at **\$.30, \$.40 and \$.50**

Compots, each **50c, 75c and \$1.00**

Nappies, each **50c and 75c**

Pepper and Salt Sets **50c**

Oil and Vinegar Cruets **75c and \$1.50**

Candle Sticks, pair **\$1.00, \$2.00, \$4**

Candle Shades, each **25c, 50c, 75c**

Candles, per dozen **25c**

Jardiniere at **50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$2.00**

Flower Bowls from **50c to \$2.75**

### SLIGHT INCREASE IS NOTED AMONG STATE'S INSANE

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 22.—There has been a slight increase in the insane population of the state under institutional care according to the report, which has just been issued by the state board of control. The total insane population of the state under public care on October 30, was 7,911, and the population one month later was 7,954.

The population at the different institutions is as follows: State hospital for insane, 624; northern hospital for insane, 622; school for deaf, 188; school for blind, 129; industrial school for boys, 399; state prison, 935; state public school, 174; home for feeble minded, 1,125; state reformatory, 284; state tuberculosis sanatorium, 190; hospital for criminal insane, 103; and Tomahawk camp for tuberculosis, 20. The Milwaukee hospital for the insane at the end of November had a population of 473 and the total insane in county institutions was 6,112.

During the month there was an increase of 15 at the penitentiary.

#### HIT BY FAST TRAIN

PORTAGE, Wis., Dec. 22.—Henry Isbener, a railroad employe was struck by a fast train at Ketchum Point bridge, near here on Wednesday. His right foot was severed and he was otherwise injured.

### REFERENCE LIBRARY HARD AT WORK ON NEW LEGISLATION

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 22.—Work at the legislative reference library is running at full speed. Already applications for the drafting of about fifty measures have been received. Many of these are long and will require considerable time. Additional employes for the drafting of measures have already been placed at work. Associated with M. C. Riley and C. B. Lester in the drafting of measures are: Attorneys Voyta, Wrabetz, H. F. Ohm and John Moran. Some of the resolutions for the legislature quickly have already been drafted and the drafting department of the reference library will be able to handle measures quickly when the legislature convenes.

#### FASHIONABLE WEDDING

MERRILL, Wis., Dec. 22.—A fashionable Christmas wedding will take place at the Blackstone hotel in Chicago Wednesday night when Miss Mae Neimann of this city becomes the bride of Arthur Hoffheimer of Chicago.

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### The TRIBUNE'S Daily Short Story

#### HIS LAST REQUEST

BY JULIA GRAY

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Even the little old basement dining room had put on quite a festive appearance Christmas morning. It was rather cold, and the furnace was in its usual state of coy reserve, but Farley had stuck holly and evergreen around the oil paintings of garish fish and "Highland Cattle," and each table had a brave sprig of mistletoe tied with crimson and green ribbon laid beside each plate. That was Beth's special offering.

As each member of the household came in the greetings were hearty and quite satisfactory, even to Beth. She had not thought the experiment would bring out even that much fellowship and good will from the silent, self-absorbed crowd at Mrs. Forbes'. Finally they were all down excepting Farley and old Benchley.

"Very pretty idea, Miss Burnham," said Archer airily. Archer of the world famous team of Archer and Arnault, comedy tumblers, who owed Mrs. Forbes ten weeks' board, and took care of the furnace to her satisfaction.

"Very artistic. When we appeared by royal command—"

Beth hardly heard what they were saying. She was putting the prettiest bunch of all and a card of Christmas cheer beside Mr. Benchley's plate. Poor, grouchy old chap, nobody ever had a good word for him. In all the months that she had been an inmate of the Forbes domicile she couldn't remember that any one had ever given him even a pleasant greeting. He came downstairs to breakfast late and always grumbling, grumbled at his food, which Carrie, the colored maid, slid across the table at him, grumbled at the furniture and the weather and the mailman at the borders and Mrs. Forbes and life in general.

"In the first place he's Scotch," Beth would say in extenuation of his little ways. "He's got the mist of the north in his blood, and he's all alone over here, and he's writing a history of creation from a Highlander's standpoint. I heard him telling Mr. Farley the other day that he was positive the Lowlanders were intended to become as the beasts of the field since their teeth were actually changing in the course of evolution from eating so much porridge."

"Ah, what does he know about it?" little Miss McKenzie would scold. "They eat porridge anywhere you go in Scotland. He has a rambling tongue and nae heartstrings at all."

Mr. Farley would smile and say little, but Beth liked him best of all. That morning she had found outside her door a box of fresh violets and a book she had been wishing for inscribed from her sincere friend, Alan Farley. It was the book more than the inscription that showed the thoughts of the giver, for it was named "The Well Beloved." As remembering a verse that Alan liked to repeat from Mrs. Browning:

"What shall I give to my beloved?  
A little faith all undisproved."

That was what he gave to her, only not in small measure, in full rich measure, all his heart's faith and love, asking her to believe in him and be patient for his success. And she could not tell him that she didn't give a rap for his success; that she would rather a hundred times over have been married to him, even if she had kept on with her own work, and they had been running mates together. So between them was the promise of marriage and to the boarding house at large he was "her sincere friend."

"The old man's sick in bed," said Carrie briskly, as she swept the crumbs from Beth's place. "He ain't coming down. He's groaning fearful."

"Oh, dear," Beth pushed back her chair, but Farley was before her. She found him bending over the old man, tending him like an experienced nurse.

"It's only an attack of acute indigestion," he told her. "He'll be all right. I'm a good doctor." He smiled

down at her, and Mr. Benchley groaned and turned over to see who had come in.

"May I wish you Merry Christmas, Mr. Benchley?" Beth asked. "I'm so sorry you don't feel well."

"Don't feel well! Losh, mon, hear the lass talk. Get more hot water. 'Twas on 'e a bit of a wee fuddle I had the night, but it left me dower-shie. Fruit cake and wine after ten o'clock wi' bring any mon down on his back. Do they miss me down below?"

He was grave of face, but there was a twinkle in his eye. Alan raised him up and placed a couple of pillows behind him for support.

"Now, your gay enough, sir," he said.

Benchley looked from one face to the other, one on each side of his bed, and his eyes glowed from under their thatch of heavy gray brows.

"You'll be married the day," he answered slowly. "I once loved a lass to my sorrow, Alan. She was to wait for me, and I, poor fool, worked my life out for her, and she married a long legged loon in the next town. I'm telling you no, they will na wait too long. The sex is changeable. I've set my heart on seeing you married before I get another turn for the worst."

"Oh, Mr. Benchley, you're all right," began Beth, hastily, but he put his hand up warningly.

"Don't shock me or alarm me, and don't be arguing wi' neither, for my heart's no too strong at that. I've talked this out wi' Alan before you come at all, an' he's beginning to see light already. I've been watching both of you this long while, and I'm sick o' the lalligagging and waiting. She'll be learning all kinds o' bad habits wi' her housekeeping if you let her stay here longer, mon. You can go quietly over the river to Jersey

and be married right away, and I'll pay the bill."

"Mind, I'm not saying I won't give a bit to start off with if ye humor me. You can take the ferry over and save money on a license, and it holds just as fast and sure as on this side. Get ready, lass."

Alan's eyes begged her to be yielding, but it was the old set face lying back on the pillows that moved her to act as he wished, and she slipped up to her own room without a word to any one.

When they came back it was dinner hour, 2 o'clock on holidays, and as they came down stairs together Beth heard a voice in the dining

room, a resounding, hearty, strong voice, Mr. Benchley speaking.

"I had to use subterfuge wi' them," he was saying. "They're both obstinate, but so am I, and I've married them off safe and sound by making it my dying request. An' when you see the coming in you're to give them a cheer—"

He stopped short. Beth came first blushing and wide-eyed, with a sprig of mistletoe on her breast and another in her fair hair. And the old fellow waited breathlessly till she came near. Bending over her, he kissed her on her cheek.

"And May God bless you both the day," he finished.



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### Chamber of Commerce of La Crosse



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NOVEMBER 11,836 DAILY AVERAGE

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| 1—Wed 11,831                                  | 16—Thur 11,842 |
| 2—Thur 11,867                                 | 17—Fri 11,814  |
| 3—Fri 11,861                                  | 18—Sat. 11,831 |
| 4—Sat 11,837                                  | 19—Sunday.     |
| 5—Sunday.                                     | 20—Mon 11,809  |
| 6—Mon 11,851                                  | 21—Tues 11,827 |
| 7—Tues 11,829                                 | 22—Wed 11,854  |
| 8—Wed 11,840                                  | 23—Thur 11,843 |
| 9—Thur 11,838                                 | 24—Fri 11,821  |
| 10—Fri 11,901                                 | 25—Sat 11,846  |
| 11—Sat 11,808                                 | 26—Sunday.     |
| 12—Sunday.                                    | 27—Mon 11,819  |
| 13—Mon 11,831                                 | 28—Tues 11,839 |
| 14—Tues 11,824                                | 29—Wed 11,804  |
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| Total . . . . . 307,732                       |                |
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I, Frank H. Burgess, business manager of the La Crosse Tribune, do solemnly swear that the actual number of copies of the paper named, printed and circulated during the month of November, 1916, was as above stated.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this second day of December, 1916.

Notary Public.

## WEATHER

U.S. Weather Bureau

Sunrise tomorrow, 7:38 a. m.  
Sunset tomorrow, 4:31 p. m.  
Yesterday's Temperatures  
High, —4; low, —11; precipitation, 0.

Forecasts  
For Wisconsin: Fair north; probably snow flurries south portion tonight or Saturday. Not so cold tonight and in southeast portion Saturday.

For Minnesota: Generally fair tonight and Saturday, except possible snow flurries extreme south portion. Not quite so cold tonight.

For Iowa: Unsettled weather tonight and Saturday, probably with light snow. Not so cold tonight in east and central portion.

Weather Conditions  
The gulf storm has moved to the middle Atlantic coast attended by light to excessive rain and snow and the western high has moved into the gulf states carrying freezing temperature into southeastern Texas. Other lows are central in northern Manitoba and off the north Pacific coast.

The temperature has moderated in the northwest but still continues 8 to 20 degrees below zero.

Snow flurries are indicated for this section tonight or Saturday. The temperature will not be quite so low tonight but will probably go to zero or slightly below. Saturday will be moderately cold.

## \$100 FOR GUARDS' DINNER

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Dec. 22.—About \$100 was raised here on Tuesday by public subscription for the purpose of giving Company M, Thirty-third Michigan Infantry, a Christmas dinner at the border.

## RAILROAD MAN CRUSHED

KENOSHA, Wis., Dec. 22.—Joseph Bugaro, 31 years old, a railway trainman, was fatally injured in the yards of the Northwestern railway company when crushed between the bumpers of two engines.

## MAKE THINGS PLAIN AND BE FAIR

There appears to be a more or less general misconception to the effect that the investigation of the question of a consumers' market in La Crosse is based upon the assumption that the Grocers' Association is maintaining high prices and defrauding the public.

People should not look upon it in that way. Most homes are about as close to their grocer as to their family doctor. We believe the average of honesty among grocers is as high as in any other class of business men, and to charge them with responsibility for the present mountainous prices is absurd. Every citizen knows one or more grocers who have been in business for from ten to forty years. Take your pick of them—would you want to work for from ten to forty years for any less than the grocer has to show for it? As a class they seem to have prospered as little as any business element in the city. Nor should we forget the splendid fight of this organization for a free bridge, their campaign for an honest loaf of bread, and other activities in the public interest.

The market investigation, we repeat, is not and can not be made a reflection upon the grocer. Big items in the cost of doing a general grocery business are the expense of delivery and loss due to credit business. The market would save these items by dealing only for cash and letting the customer do his own delivering. It is claimed it would also prevent waste of many products. The question is, does this saving, together with the elimination of the retailer on farm products and fish, and the general advantages of a wider and more varied market actually visited by the buyer, and the salvage of products that were there no public market would never find one—do these items justify the expectation that the consumer can cut a little off the "high cost of living"?

We believe that, when fairly stated, this is a proper and important question for the Chamber of Commerce to raise.

We also believe that people who, without anything stronger than gossip to base it on, question the honesty of the grocers, are committing an injustice. The practice is worse because it is largely innuendo; it hurts every grocer in the city, but no grocer can begin action, because no names are used. The best interests of this community demand that its citizens treat each other fairly.

## SAVING COAL

We have heard much about conserving our mineral resources, in their undeveloped state, but little about conserving those same resources when produced for human use. Coal, for example.

A prominent American engineer declares that more than \$300,000,000 worth of coal is wasted in American factories every year in the burning.

"The same people," he says, "who would painstakingly strive for an extra mile or two per gallon of gasoline in the operation of their automobiles are maintaining in their factories power plants that waste 30 per cent or more of the coal burned. Those responsible for this prodigality should consult specialists on economical power plant operation and design, and should obtain operators educated to the more efficient performance of their duties. I believe that 10 to 20 per cent of the fuel consumption could be saved without additional investment, by more efficient operation."

Which amounts to saying that mighty few people know how to feed coal into a furnace. And while the expert was speaking particularly of factory furnaces, his remarks apply even more strongly to the domestic use of coal.

A Yale expert says that house furnaces in general are much below factory furnaces in efficient fuel consumption. They consume too much coal for the heat they produce. So do the ordinary kitchen ranges. The fault is often with the furnace or stove itself, but nearly always the person feeding the fuel to it could effect a substantial saving by studying the combustion process, and burning the coal to the best advantage possible with the equipment at hand.

Many a man who devoted as much energy and brains to this matter as he devotes to grumbling about the price of coal could save a third of his coal bill.

## DON'T LEAVE US IN THE DARK

Immense improvements in gas and electric service in La Crosse have not failed to meet with the approbation they deserve, and, conscious of the liberal policy pursued by the company, the TRIBUNE dislikes to scold. But may we not offer a friendly interrogation.

No industry is immune from accident, and the public should have patience when such misfortune comes to interrupt the public service. But when service temporarily fails, the convenience of patrons demands that they know something of the duration of the interruption, even though it is impossible to say more than whether it is a matter of minutes, or hours.

Would it not be a wise and considerate policy, in such cases, to request the telephone companies to give out information as definite as the situation permits?

One wants to know whether to light a lamp, whether it is probable that a theater or party engagement will be kept, whether one must proceed to one's train in the dark—a score of whethers which are bound to arise when the city is plunged in darkness.

## WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT IT?

Today we publish an interview with Mr. A. L. Fridstein, field secretary of the Universal Military Training League, urging upon the country proposals of this organization. The essential feature of the league's plan is that every male citizen shall devote six months of his nineteenth year to military training.

Accompanying Mr. Fridstein's statement are interviews of prominent La Crosse citizens, endorsing the idea.

In America no issue more important than that of ample and practical national defense presses for solution. No doubt the matter will be settled, one way or another, before the present agitation subsides, and it seems desirable that there should be popular discussion of the subject.

The TRIBUNE invites its readers to be heard upon the subject, the one limitation being that interviews or communications shall not exceed 200 words.

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## OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS

By Harriet Lumis Smith

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Persis' unwonted humility was disarming, and by dinner-time Mrs. Hornblower was sufficiently recovered to be patronizing.

"Of course this foulard is a sort of make-shift, you might say, Persis. It'll do me till I have a chance to get something real up-to-date and dressy in Paris."

Persis, laying down her work as the clock struck twelve, had no reply to make, and Robert Hornblower, whose punctuality at meals was notable, a characteristic shared by all henpecked husbands, entered the house at that moment, casting a quick glance at his wife's face as a sailor watches the sky for signs of a squall.

"We've spent the morning fixing up your favorite gown, so as it'll be pretty near as good as new," Persis informed him, as she accepted a well-filled plate at his hands. Then as the farmer looked a little blank, she directed his attention to the renovated lavender foulard hanging over a chair.

Mr. Hornblower's expression was still vague. "Oh, you mean that pink."

The women interrupted him with a derisive cry of "Pink!" But while Persis laughed, Mrs. Hornblower flashed upon her husband a look of ineffable scorn.

"As if I'd ever wore pink or ever would, a color for children."

"Them bright colors is all one to me," said the unhappy Mr. Hornblower, proceeding with fatal facility to make a bad matter worse. "They're all too kind of flashy. Now, my mother used to have a dress."

He continued, meeting Persis' sympathetic gaze, "that suited me down to the ground. Satin, it was, or maybe 'twas silk or velvet. Anyhow, it looked rich. And it was sort of silvery, and then again, darker'n silver and sort of ripply and shiny—"

"Robert ain't very well posted on names," said Robert's wife with deadly calm. "But he knows what he likes, same as most men, and that lavender foulard has always been his special favorite. His special favorite," she repeated sternly, as she met her husband's wavering eye.

"Oh, the lavender foulard!" exclaimed Mr. Hornblower, with an unsuccessful attempt to give the impression that only at that moment had he discovered what they were talking about. "The lavender foulard, to be sure." He cut himself an enormous slice from the boiled beef and bowed his head over his plate, as if offering thanks for an excuse to retire gracefully from the conversation.

But this did not agree with Mrs. Hornblower's intentions. "Tired, ain't you, Robert?" Her solicitude was so marked as to suggest an ulterior motive.

"I guess this is about as busy a time of year as any," commented Persis.

And Mr. Hornblower, having now reached a point in his struggle with the boiled beef where he could make himself intelligible, began ponderously, "Oh, as far as that goes—"

"Robert realizes that he ain't as young as he was," said Mrs. Hornblower, taking the words from his mouth. "While he's not an old man yet, he feels that he's done his share of work. If there's a good time waiting for him, he means to get to it before he's so old it won't do him any good."

"Sometimes I think," observed Persis sententiously, "that enjoying one's self's a good deal like jam. You spread it on bread and butter, and you can eat a sight of it. But if you set down to a pot of jam and nothing else, it turns your stomach in no time."

The sudden illumination of Mr. Hornblower's heavy features indicated that he had grasped Persis' metaphor. He broke out eagerly, "Now, that's just what I was saying to my wife. If a man—"

"Robert looks at it this way," explained Mrs. Hornblower, deftly cutting in. "He says he couldn't enjoy himself just idling, but he don't look on travel and improving his mind in that light. Robert feels that enlarging your horizon, and getting culture and polish is a part of anybody's duty. Robert feels real strongly on that subject," concluded Mrs. Hornblower, looking hard at her husband, as if defying him to deny it.

The worm made a visible effort to turn. "Whatever you may say about Clematis," said Mr. Hornblower, apparently with the full intention of paying an impassioned tribute to his native town. But again the supports were cut from beneath his feet, and he was left dangling in midair.

"Robert thinks as well of Clematis as anybody," Mrs. Hornblower acknowledged generously. "He's got a real fondness for the town. But as he says, the world's a big place, and it don't stand to reason that all of it that's worth seeing is right under our noses. Robert says that some folks who think they're so dreadful patriotic are nothing in the world but narrow."

For a moment Mr. Hornblower seemed tempted to take up the gauntlet with himself, challenging his own forcibly expressed convictions. And then as if realizing the uselessness of such an attempt, he sighed heavily and sought consolation in the grave. And Mrs. Hornblower demonstrated the sweeping character of her victory by saying plaintively: "Of course a woman always feels breaking off old associations the way a man can't understand. Robert laughs at me. He says he believes I fairly get attached to a mop I've used and hate to change to

## LIKE ELECTRIC BUTTON ON TOES

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## THE TRIBUNE'S DAILY TRAVELETTE

(By Miksa)

HALIDON  
Whatever you may think of the practicability of the single tax idea, you must admit that it has a most remarkable power of making zealous converts. A single taxer telling about his creed is second in eloquence and endurance to none; and while the world at large scorns the single tax theory, little colonies founded on the principle continue to thrive and prosper.

Such a colony is Halidon, occupying a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in the city of Westbrook, Maine, about six miles from Portland. Halidon was founded by the owner of a large paper mill in Westbrook, and is populated largely by the people who work in the mill. Its founder claims that by the introduction of the single tax principle, he has attracted to his establishment a greatly superior class of workers. He has certainly established an attractive little residence section on the banks of the Presumpscot river.

In this colony, women have full suffrage, and the ruling council of three is elected at a town meeting. The council allots land to all applicants in the order of application, and these occupants pay a rent, which is very low. Five dollars is average rent for an acre. Any leaseholder who thinks he has been charged an unfair rent, may appeal for an arbitration. He also owns and may remove at any time all the improvements that he puts upon the land, and he is not taxed for his house, his automobile, or anything else that he owns. He may, however, be dispossessed of his land if he violates the laws of the community.

Halidon is only one of several thriving single-tax colonies in America, and the supporters of the principle believe these constitute proof that it will bear a wider application.

## WILSON GIVES BIG TURKEY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—There'll be a nice fat Christmas turkey in the home of every White House attache. Following a custom he adopted

## TEPPER CASE TO JURY

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The case of John Edward Tepper, young business man accused of murdering his mother to gain possession of the family estate of \$160,000, went to the jury at 11:35 Thursday when Justice Wheeler finished his instructions.

## FRESH CAKE A WEEK OLD

Bake a cake with cow-butter or hog-fat. It will be soggy, stale and more or less rancid after the third day. The moisture evaporates. The bacteria develop.

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## RECIPE FOR JELLY ROLL

2 cups flour 2 tablespoons melted Sawtay

1/2 teaspoonful baking powder 4 eggs

1/4 teaspoon salt 1/4 cupful milk

1 cupful sugar 1 teaspoon vanilla or lemon extract

JELLY

Beat sugar and eggs until very light, add flour, baking powder and salt (mixed together) then milk, SAWTAY and flavoring.

Pour out evenly on large, flat SAWTAY greased tin, bake in moderate oven. Turn out on brown paper covered with powdered sugar, spread with jelly and roll up quickly to keep the cake from cracking. Serve with SAWTAY Lemon or Sherry Sauce.

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### RESOLUTION ENTERED HAVE SPECIAL BODY PROBE FOOD SUPPLY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Representative London, socialist, of New York on Thursday introduced a resolution for a special food commission consisting of the secretaries of agri-

culture, commerce and labor to find whether the food supply of the United States is sufficient and, if it is not, to declare an embargo on food exports.

### DECLARES CAMPBELL GOVERNOR

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 22.—Secretary of State Osborne on Thursday

issued a certificate of election of Tom Campbell, republican, elected governor over Governor George W. P. Hunt by thirty votes. Hunt immediately renewed his contest proceedings.

Some men make matters worse by trying to explain.

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## The Bottom Falls Out! PRICES ON ALL CHRISTMAS GOODS TAKE ANOTHER DROP

Very little money will buy a grand Christmas present at this sale.  
EXTRA SPECIAL SALE ON ALL TIES AND MUFFLERS.  
Your last chance to buy high standard presents for very little money.

SATURDAY SPECIAL—50c and 75c Ladies' and Men's fine PURE SILK SOX and HOSE, all shades -- **29c**

Remember every Christmas item is marked to go—we must clean up on this line.

Special sale on all Men's SUITS and OVERCOATS.  
Ask to see our \$25.00 Blue Serge Suits, at only **\$15**  
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200 fine 1917 Calendars will be given away at 3 P. M. Saturday.

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Sale in Charge of F. T. Glembo.

### HOUSTONITES ARE RETURNING HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

HOUSTON, Minn.—(Special.)—Wallace McMillan was a Caledonia caller the first part of this week.

Mrs. Robin Foss returned to her home in Yucatan, after a few days' visit with her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chapel.

Mrs. J. R. Mills is entertaining her brother, Mr. Appleby, of Menominee, Wis. Mr. Appleby will spend the Christmas holidays with his sister and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Harris and family will spend Christmas week with their daughter, Mrs. Stone, and husband, of La Crosse.

I. G. Iverson spent the first of the week at Aitona.

Joseph Mills, who has been working at St. Paul, will spend Christmas with his family here.

Mrs. E. O. Abramson and Anna Bleikum were La Crosse shoppers on Tuesday.

Miss Constance Lokken was a Peterson visitor Thursday.

Miss Glen Peterson of Oak Ridge spent Saturday and Sunday at home. Miss Stella Waste returned home after a short visit at La Crosse.

A. C. Johnson returned home from Rochester, Minn., Monday after a month's illness at the Rochester hospital. Mr. Johnson is much improved in health.

John Fitting of Money Creek was a Houston business caller Tuesday.

Messrs. Louis Wager and Martin Sorum and the Misses Seima Mark, Myrtle Wager and Edna Ekren of Looney Valley motored to Money Creek Friday evening to take in the Christmas program at the Baptist church. The program was conducted by Miss Blanche Ekren, teacher at the village school.

The Misses Emma, Bertha and Ellen Anderson will entertain the Ladies' Aid society of the Bethany Evangelical church Dec. 27.

Mr. Roscoe Nelson, who has been working for the Pieper-Klowe lumber company at Lansford, N. D., is home for the Christmas holidays.

### SANTO DOMINGO PROTESTS SETTING OF MARTIAL LAW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Practically all diplomats in Washington have received an identical protest from Santo Domingo against the action of the United States proclaiming martial law and military government in the republic, it was learned Thursday.

The protests have been forwarded to the state department as requested, without comment. The protest charges infringement of the sovereignty and freedom of the people of Santo Domingo by the United States.

### YULE FESTIVAL AT LOGAN SCHOOL

Christmas spirit reigned supreme at the Logan Junior High school Thursday afternoon when every room of the Logan, Franklin and North Branch schools besides classes of the Junior High school presented their Christmas programs at the Logan school. More than one hundred parents were present.

The program of the Junior High school follows:  
Piano solo, Clara Johnson.  
Christmas as it Used to Be, Arvid Ahlstrom.

The Birth of Christ, Alice Wedeking.  
Song, Tannenbaum, school.

Christmas Over All the Land, Harold Brandenberg.

Piano duet, Lilian Hammarberg and Lottie Hiscox.

Who Santa Claus Was, Irma Malory.

How Uncle Sam Celebrates Christmas, Orville Mikkelsen.

Violin solo, Merritt Wagner.

Scrooge Considers Christmas a Humbug, Clara Johnson.

Song, Christmas Hymn, school.

Marley's Ghost Warns Scrooge to be a Different Man, Howard Temte.

Piano solo, Dorothy Huecker.

The Christmas Ball at Mr. Fezziwig's Warehouse, Blanche Devine.

Jack's Christmas, Helen Snyder.

Chorus, Christmas Carols, twenty pupils.

Christmas During War Time, Verne Chapman.

Violin solo, Eldon Mulder.

Scrooge No Longer Considers Christmas a Humbug, Ever Christianson.

A Great Surprise, Beatrice Nutting.

Song, Silent Night, school.

In addition to the above, each room of the Logan, Franklin and North Branch schools had an appropriate Christmas program. Each kindergarten had a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. A large number of parents were present.

### North Side Briefs

O'Neill Shoe Store. Come! : : : Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rimmert, 705 1/2 Rose street, a son. Christmas tree lights. A. O. Colby.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Whisler and children, 1220 Avon street, have returned from a visit in Savanna, where they attended a golden wedding.

Andrew Hawkison has returned to Westby after renewing north side acquaintances.

Miss Mildred Rynning, Galesville, will spend the holidays on the north side.

A. Cooper, Lynxville, spent Thursday on the north side.

### WAR VETERANS AND RELIEF CORPS ARE GUESTS AT PARTY

T. O. Mork Is Host to Viroqua People; Firemen Elect Officers for the Year

VIROQUA, Wis.—(Special.)—The G. A. R. members and their wives, the Women's Relief corps ladies and their husbands were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Mork at a delightful party given at Running hall Wednesday evening.

**Firemen Elect Officers**  
The fire department held its annual meeting at the city hall followed by refreshments and a smoker. The following officers were elected: Chief of department—Guy C. De Garmo.

Assistant chief—James Fleming. Secretary—A. J. Beat.

Treasurer—H. E. Packard. Foreman hose division—Fred Slade.

First assistant—Jack Stoda. Second assistant—William Tewalt. Foreman hook and ladder—W. J. Devlin.

Assistant—Vincent Rabbit. Janitor—Lloyd Hall.

**Firewards—First ward, Ole Moe; Second ward, Charley Green; Third ward, Blaine Morrison.**

**Go With Overlands**  
Peter Portney, Jr., Fred Hook and Otto Lind of this city spent the week in Cleveland, Ohio, in attendance at the Overland automobile convention.

**Local and Personal**  
Miss Laura Smouse, who has spent the last seven months in this city with her aunt, Mrs. George McKinney, has returned to her home in Canada, accompanied by her aunt, Miss Lulu Love, who will make her future home there.

The Misses May, Ruth and Helen Williams, who are attending the St. Lawrence university, will be home Saturday for the Yuletide vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. John McKittrick have gone to Cleveland, Ohio, to spend the winter with their daughter May.

John W. Curry of Montana is here for a visit with his mother.

Mrs. Ralph Grover gave a shower Friday evening in honor of Miss Mary Baker, who is soon to become a bride.

Mrs. George Bush entertained a party of friends at her home Thursday afternoon, most of them being members of a "wheel division."

Mr. Chauncey Morley is among the first students to arrive home for the Christmas holidays. He is a student at the Lewis Institute in Chicago.

Mrs. Thomas Lem is suffering from a severe attack of pleurisy.

James Standiford has purchased the new cottage of Edward A. Schmidt on South Main street.

Floyd Hamilton had as his guests this week the Messrs. Carigan and Kabat of La Crosse. The boys were on the border together.

The Viroqua Merchants' association have decided to keep their stores open only Saturday nights of each week instead of Monday and Saturday nights.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry James of Retreat are the parents of a baby boy.

### CHICAGO FACES A COAL FAMINE

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Chicago, the biggest coal distributing market in the world, is suffering from a coal famine. The city requires 115,000 to 125,000 tons of coal a day, which is approximately 2,000 carloads. One hundred to 150 fewer cars a day have been arriving for the last week and of these many must be sent on through to points further west to which they were consigned.

"Only a couple of days' supply of coal is now where we can reach it," said Fred W. Upham, president of the Consumers' company, one of the largest distributors of coal in the city, Thursday.

Office buildings, apartment buildings and residences have exhausted their supply in many cases. Managers of office buildings are considering a plan to dispense with heating at night, keeping their fires going only in the day time.

**SAYS MILITIA SYSTEM  
WAS DOOMED TO FAILURE  
THROUGH CRITICISM**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The present federalized national guard system was predestined to failure at its creation because of the unfair and premature condemnation of the system by the general staff of the regular army in total disregard of the will of congress, it was charged Thursday by members of the public military committee during the testimony of the major general Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff.

**HORSEMAN ATTENTION!**  
I am shoeing horses at 604 Mill St., on North Side. Four new shoes, \$1.00. Four new "Sever-slips," \$2.50.

JOHN SCHRAUTMYER.

## THE MOVIES

The BIJOU  
IS PLAYING

"The Kiss"

Again TONIGHT,  
Sat. Mat. and Eve.

Featuring  
OWEN MOORE

as an aviator, and  
Marguerite Courtot

This is full of comedy situations and plenty of thrills.

PICTOGRAPHS also showing.

ANN PENNINGTON  
COMING SUNDAY

THE CASINO  
TODAY AND TOMORROW

A superb production of

## "ONE DAY"

This story by  
Eleanor Glynn

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Sequel to  
"Three Weeks"

There is nothing offensive about this picture. No one need hesitate about seeing it.

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TONIGHT ONLY

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We have decided not to have amateurs tonight, but instead have booked in a wonderful picture program, headed by

"Under Suspicion"

A powerful film version of E. Phillips Oppenheim's Saturday Evening Post story

"The Amiable Charlatan"

Also  
"Rural Romance"

A delightful comedy, and  
"Rough Riders in India"

Educational subject.  
One Show, Starting 7:45  
Admission 5c and 10c

THE STAR  
Ben Wilson

IN  
"The Mainspring"

Five reel Red Feather drama.  
Good Comedy

SIX REEL SHOW

COMING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
Carter de Haven in  
"Borrowed Plumes"

THE DOME  
The Burned Records

Episode of  
"The Lass of the Lumberlands"

Also a two part Drama and a Comedy.

## STAR THEATRE "LIBERTY"

Featuring Eddie Polo. Daring Marie Walcamp is the greatest serial ever produced.

COMING

Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25 and Dec. 26.

"Broken Coin" was good. "Peg o' the Ring" was better. "Liberty" beats them all.

Numerous and almost unbelievable stunts are pulled off by these daredevil actors

PRICES: MATINEES 5c AND 10c. NIGHTS, ALL SEATS 10c.



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need a good laying tonic. Also look out for roup. Better see us at once. Books free.

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**Men, Women, Boys and Girls**  
We are showing a very complete assortment.

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**LA CROSSE HAT**

It will make every day a merry one.

**La Crosse Hat Works**  
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**\$63 FOR ONE PORKER**  
WAUTOMA, Wis., Dec. 22.—James Gunderson, a farmer residing west of the village, sold a hog to John Egan which tipped the scales at 785 pounds. The animal brought \$63.45.

**Didn't You Forget Something?**

**ON CHRISTMAS  
YOU AIM TO  
PLEASE  
HIM**

He will be disappointed if you don't buy him that box of cigars.

Give him a SPECIAL TREAT this year.

It should be a box of Monna Vanna, Flor de P. & W., Pampero, Black Rose or Bench Rolls

Made by

**PAMPERIN CIGAR CO.**

La Crosse, Wisconsin.

## GRECIAN COMEDY CAST IS PICKED FOR CLASS PLAY

At the tryout for the senior class play, "Pygmalion and Galatea," the judges, Mr. Homer Leach, Miss Alice Green and Miss Heideman, chose the following cast: Pygmalion, an Athenian sculptor Leucippe, a soldier... Walter Berg Chrysos, an art patron... Frank Spettel Agesimos, Chrysos' slave... Ray Hadgraft Mimos, Pygmalion's slave... David Dickinson Galatea, an animated statue... Viola Poehling Cynisca, Pygmalion's wife... Gretchen Schweizer Daphne, Chrysos' wife... Eda Capellen Myrine, Pygmalion's sister... Ruth Esch Miss Alice Green, who coached the Masquerade play, "Fanny and the Servant Problem," will have charge of the production.

Pygmalion and Galatea is based upon a classical story cleverly adapted to modern times. It is laid in ancient Greece. It is a comedy with a classical story for its basis. The play will be given January 18. There is a great deal of enthusiasm over the comedy at the high school, as the profits from the show will go into the fund for the Booster Annual.

## PERSONALS

YEOMEN children's Xmas tree festival Fri., Dec. 22nd, program, dancing, Dance Xmas night and Tues. Nicholas Haerter and daughters, 863 West Avenue South, left on Friday for Chicago to spend a two weeks' vacation with Mr. Haerter's daughter, Mrs. Andrew Schork. Electrical fixtures, A. O. Colby. J. D. Beck, industrial commissioner of Wisconsin, was a business visitor in the city on Friday from Viroqua, Wis. Art leather for fancy work, at Langdon's. Taylor Frye, a representative of the industrial commission, spent Friday here transacting business. Moccasins make fine Christmas gifts. Langdon's. E. Watson was a business caller in the city Friday from Wausau. Electrical gifts, A. O. Colby. C. W. Warner was here Thursday on a business mission from Winona, Minn. Over an auto for any occasion from the Radke Taxi. Phones 422. F. A. Pearl was here Thursday from Madison. Edith Goetzy, Winona, spent Thursday here visiting friends. Christmas tree lights, A. O. Colby. Ida Knutson, of Prosper, Minn., spent Thursday in La Crosse shopping and visiting friends. Dr. F. A. Douglas, specialist, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, associated with Dr. E. R. Mulford, 323 Main St. Frank Cassidy, a soldier of Troop I, Thirteenth U. S. cavalry, is at his home on furlough to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cassidy, 215 South Ninth street. He has recently been stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas.

If you want carriage get the Gateway City Trans. Co. Phone 172. Miss Mary E. Schenck, physical director at the Y. W. C. A., left on Thursday to spend Christmas at her home in Burlington, Iowa.

**MORRIS & HARTWELL**  
LAWYERS  
LA CROSSE, WIS.

## CITY NEWS TICKER

**Would Stop Boat Sale**  
An attempt is being made by the St. Charles Amusement company to rescind the sale of the steamer Frontenac and barge Mississippi, which were recently sold under libel proceedings to Joseph Streckfus, of St. Louis. A hearing was held in federal court of St. Paul Tuesday to set aside the sale. The steamer and barge were libeled for failure to pay money alleged due to the Streckfus lines on a contract which was not fulfilled because the boat was sunk by a storm in Winona harbor.

## GERMAN YPRES DRIVE CALLED INCONSEQUENTIAL BY CORRESPONDENT SIMMS

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS  
WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Dec. 18.—(Delayed.)—Once again the notorious Ypres salient has earned a place on the war's scoreboard. The German official wireless on December 14 gave the impression of an important local victory scored there by German troops and said they stormed and occupied "British second line trenches southeast of Zillebeke, the garrison of which fled."

Here's exactly what happened at 9:05 at night on December 14: A strong German attack was launched against the British southern flank of the salient. Expecting the attack, the British got the stormers under a deadly fire, so that when the Germans reached the British, there were only ten of the attacking party left. These immediately scurried back.

The whole action lasted just ten minutes. The enemy losses were believed to be severe; the British casualties were very slight. All advantage remained on the British side—and valuable information was obtained from the bodies of the dead Germans.

On the following day the Germans again attacked, this time at Hill 60 nearby. A heavy barrage fire completely wiped out this attack, not one man reaching the British lines. Again the German losses were regarded as severe, for despite the bad weather, it was perfectly plain that the British fire was effective.

Months ago the Ypres salient was the scene of some of the hottest fighting of the war—the Germans hurling attack after attack against the British in an attempt to crumple their line. Of late, Dead Man's corner has almost been forgotten. "Peace Valley" would be more appropriate, considering the fierceness of fighting at other points of the line.

**FORMER CONGRESSMAN DEAD**  
WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 22.—Former Congressman John R. Thayer, one of the best known democrats of New England, died Tuesday from a general breakdown. He was 71 years old and for fifty years had been prominent in politics in Massachusetts.

## BLOOD IS BODY'S DRAINING SYSTEM

"Keep It Flowing—Germs Can't Harm," Says Tanlac Man.

### PEOPLE EAT FAR TOO MUCH

The Tanlac man asserts that people eat far too much. Put the stomach in good condition and all ailments will disappear. Declares poor digestion is the root of most sickness.

"Keep the blood circulating—keep it bounding and surging freely through all parts of the body, and you can defy all the disease germs in the world. They cannot harm you. The blood channels are the body's drainage system and the blood is the body's common carrier. The blood is called the life fluid, but that does not mean that it creates life—on the contrary, its chief function is to protect and preserve life. It carries away the waste matter. When the blood can flow unhindered the body is absolutely healthy. Reduced to a phrase, all disease is simply a clogging of the blood."

This is the opinion of the Tanlac man who is daily helping thousands with his new medicinal treatment. He added:

"The blood is like a river. Dam it up and it forms stagnant pools. Germs breed faster than flies and then disease begins. Germs in the blood are simply waste matter. When the blood can flow properly through every part of the human system, disease germs, no matter how harmful, are carried away."

"The nervous system in the human body is sympathetic in action with the blood. Disease caused by the clogging of the blood in any organ creates a consequent disarrangement of the nerves. This results in headaches, dizziness and nervous worries. I am persuaded that the real cause of most ill health is due to stomach worry. People eat more than the stomach can properly digest. The food ferments and forms gas and causes an inflamed condition. Other ailments result."

"The only treatment for all this is to go right to the root of the matter. Treat the stomach and put it in good shape. Then food will be properly digested. Pure blood will course through the body and carry off germs and waste matter. Perfect health will follow."

Tanlac can be obtained here only from C. A. Begun's. Tanlac can also be obtained from Geo. H. Seidel at Sparta; G. C. Groezinger at Bangor.

## TRANSFERS FALL OFF 800, FARES INCREASE 1,500

Everybody notices a street car accident, but none notice regular service. And so slow but steady progress in working out the new street car schedule attracts less attention than the occasional irregularities which are encountered with daily diminishing frequency.

Some points that may be of public interest are these:

In December 1916, the cars are carrying an average of 1,500 more passengers daily than they carried in 1915.

With the north side line tied up with the Sixteenth, and the Twenty-third street line tied up with the Mormon Coulee, there are about double the number of cars affected by any interruption on one of these lines.

But some notion of the advantage to be gained by the new schedule may be had from the fact that, since the change was made, some eight hundred less transfers have been used daily as compared with the same days of the same month last year. To carry 1,500 more people with 800 less transfers, per day, is a thing worth working out. It will come out if only we get our fares ready, stand on the near crossing, move up forward and leave by the front exit.

### THREE NEGROES HELD

SALT STE. MARIE, Mich., Dec. 22.—Three colored men who created an unusual spectacle in the country near here on Tuesday, are being held by the police. Two of the men were driving Bert Brown along the Soo line tracks at the points of revolvers. Brown was caught when leaving the city with \$250, it is alleged, and his captors claimed \$70 belonged to them.

## PACKAGES DELIVERED SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

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## QUINN'S AUTOMATIC BASEBALL

Game now open for the season. Liberal prizes. Come and break a balloon and get a prize.

**FRANK QUINN, Prop.**  
122 North Third Street

## PAGEANT TO BE THE EVENT OF LANSING CHURCH SUNDAY

LANSING, Iowa.—(Special.)—The Christmas observance at the First Presbyterian church next Sunday will begin at seven o'clock with a selection by the Roggensack orchestra, followed by a chorus of thirty-six selected voices from the older members of the Sunday school, a prayer by Rev. Pease, chorus, Pantomime, chorus, Christmas Pageant by nineteen characters in costume.

The Spirit of Christmas, represented by Doris Ahlstrom; Wisdom, by Mary Albert; Conscience, by Myrtle Ladd; The Pilgrims, by Alice Miller; Pleasure, by Elizabeth Page with Josie McMahon and Katinka Severson as attendants, impersonating Vanity and Idleness; Wealth, by Viola Tiltonson, attended by Olive Dolphin and Della Severson, impersonating Pride and Greed; Fame, by Francis Richie, attended by Thera Dikeman and Christine Wendt, as Ambition and Envy; Love, by Emma Hartong with five attendants, Clara Kahr, Legurtha Gordon, Katherine Seippel, Mildred Pugh, and Irene Strong, representing Faith, Hope, Justice, Mercy and Kindness.

This will be followed by gift offerings to the King of Self, Service or Substance by the classes and the program will close with a grand chorus.

A cordial invitation is extended to all who enjoy good singing to come and hear something of what their children are being taught in the educational department of the church.

**Local and Personal**  
F. J. Spinner, local Overland dealer, recently sold two cars in one day. Will Reutemeier purchasing a runabout and his brother, Fred, a 5-passenger touring car. The Overland is an all the year car and Mr. Spinner is anxious to prove their merits at any time.

Stanley Wilde, who has been engaged all season with Dick Thompson the roads, left last week to join his mother and sisters in Waterloo, this state, for the remainder of the winter.

A municipal skating rink, at the ball park is being talked of. By flooding the diamond and part of the outfield, a good safe place for the youngsters could be secured without much expense and it is hoped the city fathers may see their way clear to give it as a holiday present.

President C. I. Rud of the Lansing high school alumni is arranging for a holiday dance at Goodell's hall Friday or Saturday of next week, for members and their friends.

## SOCIETY

**CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES**  
The Christmas festivities of the First Methodist Sunday school will be held at the church parlors on Saturday, the primary children being entertained at a Christmas party in the afternoon, and the remainder of the Sunday school partaking in the evening event. The following program will be given at half-past seven o'clock.

Song, "Joy to the World"—Sunday school.  
Prayer—Rev. E. C. Dixon.  
Song, "Hail! King of Kings!"—Junior Chorus.  
Recitation—Mabel Secor.  
Recitation—Myron Welch.  
Song, "Star Divine."  
Recitation, "Light of Stars"—Lucille Dundy.  
Recitation—Carl Stings.  
Song, "Christmas Lullaby"—Dorothy Frizzell.  
Recitation—Adele Stevens.  
Recitation—Margaret Stings.  
Recitation—Jessie Chase.  
Piano Solo—Vivian Clark.  
Recitation—Harold Hawkins.  
Song, "Away in a Manger"—Class of Girls.  
Recitation—Dorothy Smith.  
Song, "Long Years Ago, O'er Bethlehem's Plains"—Junior Chorus.  
Recitation—Elietha Hawkins.  
Recitation—Gordon Kerr.  
Recitation—Alice Duty.  
Exercise—Class of Girls.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The pupils of the Hamilton school observed the holiday season Thursday afternoon with the following program given in the assembly room of the school:

Piano Trio—Helen, Margaret and Harry Mutch.  
Annie and Willie's Prayer—Lillian Schick.  
Christmas Hymn—School.  
The Night After Christmas—William Stellick.  
Silent Night—School.  
Christmas Bells—Corra Erickson.  
Tannenbaum—School.  
The Three Kings—Otto Drudick.  
Yuletide Night—School.  
Piano Duet—Irene Boardman and Dorothy Webber.  
Christmas Insurrection—Carroll Weigel.  
Christmas Angels—School.  
The Christmas Fairy and Scrooge—Miss Hosely's pupils.  
Piano Solo—Lois Schroeder.  
A Christmas Tree in New England—Miss Otten's pupils.  
Christmas with Mother Goose—Pupils of Miss Tower, Mrs. Vesey and Miss Hosely.

### SURPRISE SOLDIER

Floyd Chryst, 1143 La Crosse street, a member of Company M, was surprised by a party of friends at his home Wednesday evening. Games and music were the amusements of the evening and a delightful lunch was served later. In the party were the Misses Ardell Dodge, Myrtle Robinson, Agnes Zemlick, Vivian Van Dorn, Laura Hartman, Lilly Flottmeier, Mabel Evans, Bob Spettel, Alice Chryst and Hazel Chryst, Mrs. C. C. King, Mrs. L. M. Chryst, and Messrs. William Van Dorn, Clarence Hartman, Harold Williams, Adolph Pervisky, Carl Wensloff, Edward Ev-

## Pre-Inventory AND Holiday Sale

**10% Cash Discount on  
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Agents for Indian Motorcycles, Iver Johnson and Indian Bicycles. Why not a bicycle for your boy or girl for Christmas? A most welcome gift. Supplies and general repairing. Will be open evenings. Have your bicycle overhauled this winter or trade in for a new one, as prices on wheels will advance in spring.

ans, Ralph Chryst, Earl Wolf, Sig Lee and Jack Wynn.

### RECEPTION FOR COMPANY B

Members of Company B, recently returned from the border, and their families were guests of the Governor's Guards association at a reception and banquet at the Armory Thursday evening. The reception was held at eight o'clock and at nine the banquet was served. Dancing followed, music being furnished by Andre's orchestra. There were in the neighborhood of three hundred people present.

### PRE-NUPTIAL SHOWER

Miss Margaret Tausche was guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower given by Miss Helen Smith Thursday afternoon at her home, 1516 Main street. The rooms were gay with holiday decorations and the true Christmas spirit evident. There were nine guests.

### WED AT WINONA

Back from a stay of six months on the Mexican border, George A. Gerletti, a member of one of the La Crosse companies, went to Winona with his fiancée, Miss Ruby Belle Gear, of this city, Wednesday, and was married. The ceremony was performed at the court house at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon by Judge R. E. Looby.

## Museum of Daily Facts and Freaks

NEW YORK.—Introducing "the humidor," the first ladies' smoking room in New York. This little Circassian walnut case corner at the Ritz was well patronized at tea time when it opened.

NEW YORK.—Detective Ben King was rudely yanked from his tin throne by a court jury verdict ordering him to pay six cents damages to a supposed masquerade at the Broadway chickens.

NEW YORK.—Temperamental taxi chauffeurs are the only ones wanted for the new motor fire engines. City officials are looking for drivers who "can operate a motor like they would play a piano."

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—Mrs. Anna Louise Pflug was granted a divorce here because she said her husband brought a hard rider into the home after he had promised a cessation of such action.

Wedding rings for men usually are worn through the nose, with a chain on the end.

**IF YOU'VE been too busy to do your  
Christmas shopping before, you can  
clean it up quickly at this store.**

## Lowest Prices

You can save money as well as time by buying your gifts at this store; we've been told many times during the past two weeks by people who have compared prices elsewhere that it pays to buy here.

If you don't see in the following items the thing you'd like to give, you'll find it at the store; you'll save both time and money by coming here for it.

### DIAMONDS

LINK BUTTONS  
TIE CLASPS  
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GOLD, SILVER AND PLATED  
COLLAR BUTTONS  
LOCKETS, CHARMS, FORS  
CIGAR CUTTERS  
LORNETTES  
PATENT SAFETY GUARD  
BRACELETS  
MONOCLES  
BABY PINS  
FICU PINS  
TULLE PINS  
VEIL PINS  
LINGERIE CLASPS  
EARRINGS  
GOLD AND SILVER MATCH  
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PENDANTS  
CHAINS  
WATCH BRACELETS  
WATCH HOLDERS

RING MOUNTINGS  
GOLD, SILVER AND PLATED  
THIMBLES  
BRACELETS  
SCARF PINS  
BAR PINS  
BROOCHES  
ROPE CHAINS  
NECK CHAINS  
COAT CHAINS  
VEST CHAINS  
SAUTOIR CHAINS  
LORNETTE CHAINS  
BEAD NECK CHAINS  
PEARL NECKLACES  
STUDS  
VEST BUTTONS  
CROSSES  
HAT PINS  
BARRETTES  
EMBLEM GOODS  
LAPEL BUTTONS  
GOLD AND SILVER CIGAR-  
ETTE CASES  
KEY RINGS  
BIB HOLDERS  
SILVERWARE  
CUT GLASS  
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TOILET SETS—FRENCH  
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## \$7,800,000,000 TO BE FOREIGN TRADE FIGURE IS BELIEF

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Prospect that the United States foreign trade for the year will total \$7,800,000,000 was announced Friday by the department of commerce. The foreign trade for eleven months was \$7,148,000,000.

November exports topped the list with \$1,750,000,000, exceeding those of September, the previous record, by \$3,000,000. The total exports for the eleven months ending with November were \$4,961,200,000 against \$3,195,400,000 for the same period last year.

November imports showed a slight falling off from those of October, amounting only to \$177,000,000, but exceeding by \$21,500,000 those for November last year.

## STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS CONFER ON SCHOOL QUESTION

To evolve some method by which children may be kept at school after passing the grades was the purpose of a conference of local civic agencies called on Friday morning by Taylor Frye, deputy of the state industrial commission, in the court house. The conference was attended by Superintendent of Schools B. E. McCormick, D. C. Dewey, trustee officer; J. B. Colman, head of the industrial school; Miss Nadia Thomas, secretary of the Associated Charities, and County Judge John Brindley.

Mr. Frye pointed out phases of the new school law which he said made it extremely lax in enforcing attendance. He declared that under the provisions of the law children past sixteen could not be required to go to school, but were at liberty to "loaf" as they pleased.

J. D. Beck, chairman of the industrial commission, was also in the city on Friday morning on the same errand. Both Mr. Beck and Mr. Frye left for Madison after the meeting.

## FOUR BODIES TAKEN FROM BURNED RUINS OF MASONIC HOME

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 22.—Four bodies, all so badly burned that they could not be recognized, had been taken from the charred ruins of the \$300,000 Kansas Masonic home, burned here Friday morning. The bodies all were found in the basement. Firemen are now searching in eighteen inches of water, rapidly turning to ice, for any other bodies.

Thirty-five of the inmates of the home were children, Masonic orphans. These were all carried to safety soon after the fire was discovered in the basement. The rest of the inmates were men and women, aged Kansas Masons and their wives.

The fire started in the basement of the building, probably from the furnace. Because of frozen water plugs, firemen could do nothing toward saving the building, a \$300,000 structure, the only Masonic home in Kansas and the finest west of the Mississippi river.

## FLOOD CONTROL BILL REPORTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Humphrey flood control bill, carrying an appropriation of \$50,000,000 for flood prevention along the Mississippi and Sacramento rivers, was reported to the senate Friday without amendment. The bill has already passed the house.

## SECOND PHYSICIAN REPORTS ROBBERY OF DRUG SUPPLY

Dr. Jens Rosholt's Office Burglarized in Same Way as Laboratory of Dr. Evans

Is there an active band of professional drug-stealers at work in La Crosse? This question seemed pertinent on Friday, when it became known that the office of Dr. Jens Rosholt, county physician, had been burglarized, and practically his entire supply of morphine, codein and other opium derivatives had been taken. The announcement of the robbery came on the heels of the discovery that the offices of Drs. Evans, Bannan & McGarty had been entered and similarly robbed of their supply of prohibited drugs.

Police were still without a clue to explain either robbery on Friday.

Can't Fix Time  
The robbery of Dr. Rosholt's office, it became known Friday, occurred before the "job" at the offices of Evans, Bannan & McGarty. Like the latter, Dr. Rosholt was unable to fix the exact time of the robbery, since he had no occasion to use any of the stolen drugs for a period of ten days, and did not discover their absence until the end of that time.

Dr. Rosholt on Friday was inclined to connect the disappearance of his drugs with a visit from a man who applied for treatment for alcoholism. He was sent to the hospital, and there given a little morphine for a sedative. Later he persuaded the hospital authorities to double the dose, which is believed to indicate his addiction to the drug habit. The man was in a pitiable condition of nervous collapse, Dr. Rosholt said. After his dismissal from the hospital Dr. Rosholt discovered the loss of his narcotic supply.

Drug Addicts Here  
While local authorities do not believe the drug robberies to be the work of home talent, nevertheless there are known to be a number of "dope fiends" in the city, and these are under surveillance.

## THEME OF MODERN PROBLEM PLAYS ISSUE IN CASE

The divorce case of Adrian W. Umberger against Nora Umberger, which has held the boards and played to full audiences in the Minnesota district court at Caledonia for the past two days, ended last night after heated arguments of legal counsel replete with expressions "cave man."

"A new type of woman the product of our modern civilization" and other expressions familiar to patrons of the day's social problem plays. Both parties lived in La Crosse and on December 22, 1915, without informing anyone of their intentions were married in Winona. They returned to La Crosse and on July 9, 1915 the bride went back to her parents.

The husband sued for divorce alleging desertion. The wife admitted leaving him but stated in her answer that the new husband was so attentive to her that she was compelled to return to the parental roof, and claimed also that he had not purchased any clothes for her, compelled her to work in his store and otherwise mistreated her.

Mr. Umberger denied all this and alleged that he erected a new home for her which was furnished and ready to move into two days before his bride left him and that she preferred a business life to one in the home.

La Crosse attorneys represented the parties, J. C. Raymond and Fred H. Hartwell appearing for the husband and Frank Withrow for the defendant. Judge Catherwood took the case under advisement. Mrs. Umberger as at present employed by a La Crosse business house.

The term of court is adjourned until January 22.

## ONE DELIVERY OF MAIL IS PLANNED CHRISTMAS DAY

One delivery of mail will be made in La Crosse and on rural routes on Christmas morning, Postmaster Olaf R. Skaar announced Friday. The postoffice will be open on Sunday morning between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock and letter mail and small packages will be handed out. Larger packages will not be delivered until Christmas day.

According to Postmaster Skaar the quantity of mail being received and sent out of the local office greatly exceeds any other year. Thirty clerks in addition to the customary force of the postoffice are working day and night.

The corridors of the postoffice in front of parcel post windows on Thursday night were filled with people. Hundreds of people stood in line and awaited their turn. At one time it required thirty minutes for the last man in the line to reach the parcel post window.

## JOHN BRODRICK BURIED BESIDE HIS LIFE MATE

Five years to a day after the death of his wife, John Brodrick, north side man who died Tuesday, was buried Friday morning beside her in the Catholic cemetery. Funeral services were held at 8:15 Friday from the Dwyer undertaking rooms, Rev. Ambrose Murphy officiating.

## Strange Bird is Rescued After a Dash at Window

The mystery of a series of peculiar tracks, beginning in the middle of the snow-covered court house lawn and ending abruptly a few feet distant, was explained to the satisfaction of court house officials on Friday when John Costley and Tax Assessor James Keizer rescued a strange looking bird from the freezing court house sidewalk.

The bird is a far northern grosbeak, only seen in La Crosse during the very coldest weather. His coat is dark yellow and brown, with wings of white and black.

Costley heard something go "thump" on his window pane and he investigated. He found the grosbeak lying on the sidewalk stunned from his contact with the glass. The bird is now perched in a corner of Costley's office under an inverted waste paper basket.

Costley gave the winter bird the liberty of the office, but disaster almost overcame him for the second time when he again crashed against the window.

## BLIZZARD SWEEPS NORTHERN STATES; DAMAGE IS GREAT

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 22.—Lake Erie and northern Ohio were lashed Friday by a blizzard of tremendous proportions and of serious menace to shipping still on the lake. Snow drifted in blinding sheets. Marconi and lifesaving stations were on the lookout for signals of distress. Mails suffered the severest blow. Already overcrowded with Christmas rush, the jam was hopeless when mail trains were slowed up. Three mail trains have not been heard from. All mail trains from the west are from 12 to 18 hours late and mail trains from the east are seven hours late.

## SAYS GERMANY WILL GIVE CHIEF TERMS IF DOOR IS OPEN

THE HAGUE, Dec. 22.—Germany will disclose her chief peace terms immediately, if the forthcoming note from the entente powers, in reply to Bethmann-Hollweg's peace proposals leaves the peace door open, German dispatches said, it was semi-officially announced Friday.

## SWISS MILITARY SYSTEM ADVOCATE VISITS THE CITY

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600 to 600,000 fairly efficient soldiers each year which would in a short time give us a citizenry capable of defending the nation in a possible crisis and with a minimum of unnecessary loss, delays or other fruits of inefficiency. This plan does not mean increasing the burden of taxation and does not endanger the American spirit which loves peace with honor.

"The incidental value of such a system of training, what I might call the by-products, are of perhaps greater value than the military training itself. Such training will make our boys better men physically, mentally and morally. Every boy must serve, as the plan recognizes neither class nor caste. It will teach the boy respect for authority, give him physical and moral courage, make him self-reliant, develop self-control, breadth of vision, self-respect and above all, make him a true patriot in the democratic sense.

"The voluntary system of enlisting soldiers never has succeeded in America or anywhere else and it never will succeed. Our military plan is the only efficient one known to military science. The best experts in America including men like Gen. Hugh Scott, chief of staff of United States army, and Gen. Leonard Wood agree that our present military establishment is a complete failure and that we must adopt universal service or we face grave dangers."

## FRANCE HOLDS THE ALLIES FIGHT FOR EUROPE'S FREEDOM

PARIS, Dec. 22.—France coincides with England in its view of President Wilson's peace note. The Temps typified the public view Friday in the following comment:

"The United States must not forget that we are fighting for France's independence. The United States is suffering from the war by the fault of those who brought it about. Their wish for peace is respectable. It was ours thirty months ago; now we want a victory which renders another aggression impossible."

## C. B. CARPENTER DIES IN KANSAS

Word was received here by George N. Carpenter of the death December 17 of his father, Cyrus B. Carpenter, old resident of La Crosse and Houston county, Minn., in a Kansas hospital. Mr. Carpenter removed to Guwmon, Okla., ten years ago from La Crosse.

Mr. Carpenter was a veteran of the Civil war. He was born in New York state in 1843, and served with a New York battery at the age of 21. He came to Houston county after the war, and later moved to this city. Mr. Carpenter has several relatives living near Hokah, Minn.

## TWO STATEMENTS OF LANSING ARE SENT TO ENVOYS ABROAD

By CARL D. GROAT  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Secretary of State Lansing's two statements of Thursday, in interpretation of President Wilson's peace note, were forwarded Friday to American diplomats abroad.

The evident purpose in this transmitting the statements, was that there might be no misunderstanding or misinterpretation of the text abroad.

The diplomats will be free to inform foreign offices of these official texts and it is felt that the second statement will serve to correct any misconstructions which might be placed upon the first.

## MAHONEY GIVES HIS VERSION OF PLAN'S LEGALITY

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be he attorney general or some one else, there is very much latitude for speculation as to whether his is the best guess. Not very long ago the mayor secured legal advice as to whether or not he should permit the payment, to the public library, of the money voted to it by the common council. He was advised that such appropriation was illegal and he refused to sign an order for its payment and the matter was taken to court by public spirited citizens. The late G. M. Woodward, whose legal opinion was respected by lawyers and laymen alike, said such payment was legal. When city attorney I advised the common council that it was legal, Judge Cameron L. Baldwin thought it was legal and he was employed by the library board and the matter was taken to the Supreme Court of Wisconsin and that court declared that the mayor and his legal advisers were wrong.

The Supreme Court of the State of Massachusetts, in a well reasoned opinion, decided the law to be that money expended for junkets to municipal leagues, for the purpose of educating city officers and aldermen, was not legal; that such expenditures were not for public purpose, which even a layman with brains ought to know, and yet the Mayor secured a legal opinion that it was legal and acting on that advice, he and a committee of four other city officers made a trip to Oshkosh, at the city's expense, and most of them, including the mayor drew the money from the city treasury, via contingent fund or otherwise, before the common council had legally ordered the payment.

I do not claim that there was any wrong in drawing the money before ordered as the council had approved the trip, but the fact of drawing the money before council ordered it, prevented any taxpayer from enjoining such illegal payment, which they had a right to do if they had so desired.

## He Calls Plan Legal

Now as to the legality of the city manager plan:  
Section 925-78 of the general charter law reads as follows: "There shall be a department known as the board of public works to consist of three commissioners. In cities of the first and second class (Milwaukee, Superior and Racine) the commissioners shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council at their first regular meeting or as soon thereafter as may be. In all other cities the board shall consist of the city attorney, city comptroller and city engineer or surveyor; provided, that the council by a two-third vote, may determine that the board of public works shall consist of other public officers or persons and provide for the election or appointment of the members thereof, or it may, by a like vote, dispense with such board, in which case its duties and powers shall be exercised by the council or a committee thereof, or by such officers or boards as the council shall designate."

Under the above section of the statute we can abolish the board of public works and then we are free to exercise the duties of the board of public works by the council of a committee thereof or by such officers or boards as the council shall designate. Can anything be plainer than the above law? Can anything be plainer than the fact that we can appoint one or more officers or a board to perform the duties now performed by the board of public works. But the critic might say you must have more than one officer because it reads "officers." This criticism is answered in the statutory provision on the construing of statutes which reads as follows: "Every word importing the plural number only may extend and be applied to one person or thing as well as to several persons or things." See Sub. 2 Sec. 4971 Revd. Statutes.

## Way Open at All Points

In considering this matter of the appointment of a manager, it occurred to me that it might not work out in making the assessments of benefits and damages in proceedings for changing of grades and the improvement of streets but upon investigation of the statutes I find that the lawmakers took care of this matter and made it very clear that one person might make the assessment as well as three and we find in section 925-178 these very significant words, "It (the council) shall order the board of public works, or if there be no such board, the officer or officers designated to discharge its duties, to view the premises and determine the damages and benefits, etc." The law makers contemplated that some of the cities of the state might change their system relative to the board of public works and appoint a manager or some such officer to perform the duties of the board of public works and provided for that contingency.

Quoting the mayor's statement: "The trouble with the Mahoney plan,"

said the mayor, "is that it can't be done. Legal opinions that I have sought on the subject assert that the council may delegate its authority to one man."

Not Surrender of Power  
In the ordinance I have introduced there is no attempt to delegate any of the authority of the common council to anyone. The council does not give up any of its rights but it follows the statute and provides that the powers and duties now exercised by the present board of public works shall be performed by a manager appointed by the council. He must obey the orders of the common council. The council decides what is to be done. It orders its servant, the manager to carry out its plans. It is no attempt to delegate away any of the powers or duties of the common council. Surely if the appointment of a manager to perform the duties and exercise the powers now performed and exercised by the board of public works, is illegal, then the appointment of any other board or officers to perform their duties would likewise and for the same reason be illegal. Then according to the contention of the mayor and his legal adviser, the city can do only one thing under the law above quoted and that is to adopt that section of the statute and let the city engineer, comptroller and city attorney be the board of public works. This would mean that the city engineer would be the manager and answerable to the mayor with a term of two years to serve whether or not his duties were satisfactory. The weakness of this system is that the common council, which represents the people would have nothing to say and the mayor and city engineer would be the whole thing and this would be the trouble if the board proposed by part of the revision committee was adopted. How far would the city have gotten with the water plant under such a system, if it was in vogue at the time that matter was under consideration? It would not get anywhere and we would still be discussing or cussing the water supply of the City of La Crosse. We got the present water system, which is the best obtainable, in spite of opposition from the city engineer and board of public works and solely because the common council had not abdicated in favor of any board.

Demands Experience  
The present board of public works may have its faults and may not be all that it should be, but I cannot see wherein we are going to improve it by appointing a board that has had no experience or qualification for the peculiar duties that devolves on this board. The mayor, comptroller and city attorney are chosen once in two years. The mayor seldom holds more than one term in succession, and is not chosen for mayor on account of his peculiar fitness for the job or because of long experience in the matter of city government. We have had some excellent men for mayor of this city, men who have stood high in the business world, men who had made a success of their own business and would have made a success of most anything they undertook; but we may not always be so fortunate. The safety of the city government lies largely with the common council, the representatives of the people. There are times when men get into the council who do not measure up to the full standard of what an alderman should be but there always have been enough of representative citizens in the council that have given the city a fairly good government and I will add that I have no fear as to the future so far as the common council is concerned. It will usually give such a government as the people of the city want. Not what a few want, but what most of them want.

## Revision Started by Mayor

The agitation for revision of the charter was started by the mayor. Judging from what he has said, it was his opinion that the council might go in and tear up the present charter and pass such laws for the government of the city as might suit its fancy; but after nearly a year's investigation the revision committee has come to the conclusion that he has a very good charter with one or two exceptions. They have recommended that the board of public works be changed to a better form of government but are divided as to the substitute for the board. They have recommended that the provision of the charter as to the police department be changed so that in case of necessity the police force may be increased but in all other things the revision committee were satisfied that our present charter was as good if not better than the general city charter law.

I believe that the common council wants to make improvement in the methods of conducting city business if it can, but I am quite confident that it will not go backward and tie us up to a worse system than the one we have. I do not think the council, if it creates a new board, will provide a soft snap for some amateur, but that it will not be content with anything short of furnishing a big job for a big, capable and efficient manager for its affairs.

Yours Very Truly,  
PAUL W. MAHONEY.

## EMMA DALTON SHIES AT THE POOR FARM

Emma Dalton, the woman whose matrimonial complexities are the basis of a series of letters which have recently been flooding county officials, and who says she is penniless and practically homeless, shies at the poor farm.

Dalton visited the court house on Thursday afternoon in response to an invitation by Poor Commissioner Sol Burdick. Emma has been living in a shack on the island in Black river opposite the old elevator, she told the poor commissioner who offered her a home. She promised to bring her belongings to the court house Friday morning. Burdick prepared to take her to his institution. She failed to come.

They aren't shamrocks which the Irish use when once they get riled.

## CAPTAIN LARRY'S HOUSEHOLD ROUTED BY MORNING FIRE

Police Captain's Family Escapes Half-clad Into Sub-zero Temperature

Fire which was discovered at 5:20 on Friday morning in the basement of the home of Larry Dugan, captain of the police department, 502 North Eighth street, forced Mrs. Dugan and her two sons, John, aged 16, and Edward, aged 11, to fly half-clad from warm beds into a temperature of thirteen below zero. Mrs. Dugan and her children went to the home of a neighbor. Captain Dugan estimates the loss at about \$500.

Captain Dugan had gone into the basement at 5 o'clock to stir up the furnace. He was dressing on the second floor when Mrs. Dugan called to him that something was the matter in the basement. Smoke was beginning to creep through the house. Upon opening the basement door he discovered that part of the house filled with smoke. It is believed that a spark flew from the open draft to a bundle of waste-paper. The fire worked its way upwards through a partition and reached almost to the garret.

John and Edward Dugan were hurried out of bed by their father. By that time the house was beginning to fill with smoke, and the boys were forced to open the windows of their room in order to put on a few articles of clothing. They left the house without stockings and did not have time to fasten their shoes.

Mrs. Dugan carried out several valuables, including fire insurance papers, in a bureau drawer. Captain Dugan, with the aid of neighbors, carried several of the more valuable pieces of furniture from the dwelling. Central fire company responded to an alarm and prevented more serious damage to the house. Much of the furniture, however, was ruined. The residence is owned by John D. Hedinger. Both this and the household goods are fully covered by insurance.

## SHIPPING BOARD PERSONNEL NAMED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Wilson on Friday announced the personnel of the United States shipping board, to include the following:

William Denman, San Francisco, democrat, to serve six years.  
Bernard N. Baker, Baltimore, democrat, to serve five years.  
John A. Donald, democrat, to serve four years.  
John Barber White, Kansas City, Mo., republican, to serve three years.  
Theodore Brent, New Orleans, republican, to serve two years.

## RAY OF HOPE SEEN DESPITE ECEPTION GIVEN PEACE NOTE

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is taken, it may show the proposals struck a responsive chord. After struggling with attempts to fathom just what lay behind Secretary Lansing's two announcements Thursday—one qualifying the other, so as practically to discount some of its apparent meaning—officials and diplomats here reached the following conclusions:

President Wilson has made his first step in a more vigorous course, determined upon to maintain American rights during the war. He has warned both sides that in event of any Herculean and final desperate effort to win—should present peace overtures collapse—America must not be made to suffer.

The move was prompted primarily to bring peace before further blows may be struck at the structure of international law.

It was made not only in the interest of the United States, but was influenced by the appeals from all neutrals to this country for some strong positive stand.

The United States government is determined to remain out of the war if possible, but warns of the danger of unrestricted activities by belligerents should the strife continue.

So far as its attitude of neutrality is concerned, President Wilson has not changed.

He has not switched from his strong conviction that the country does not want war, if peace can be maintained with honor.

He will use every human means possible to keep the country aloof from the struggle.

But he sees in the possible failure of present peace negotiations acute danger from the influence of an embittered people. This government's attitude has been that if the allies refuse to discuss peace with Germany, the German people will be convinced England's purpose is to destroy. So influenced, the German public, it is feared, will even more strongly support the very government England is bent upon disintegrating, and will demand more ruthless, more unrestrained, and more determined pursuit of the war, on sea particularly. This would endanger America.

It would be in such an event, the administration believes, that the real danger will confront the United States. It was of such an event that the president spoke. It is known, when he warned as long ago as last February when touring the country on behalf of national defense, "sparks from that great conflagration abroad may light at any time upon our own shores."

ARCADIA GIRL DIES  
Miss T. Heller, Arcadia, died at noon Friday at a local hospital of cancer, after a several weeks' illness. She was forty-one years of age. The body will be taken to Arcadia for burial.

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## WAR BRINGS SHIP BOOM TO COAST SAYS OLE STOVEY

"The European war has given rise to the greatest boom in the history of the Pacific coast. Every city, big and small in the bays and on the main coast is engaged in ship building. Thousands of men are employed. The ships—mostly wooden ones—are built very quickly and bring enormous prices. They sell for spot cash. Norwegian shippers alone can buy up every ship which is being turned out, and hulks which were considered worthless are bringing small fortunes."

J. Ole Storey, one of the most prominent residents of La Crosse when at the time he left this city to make his home in Tacoma, Wash., sixteen years ago, was talking to a TRIBUNE reporter at the Hotel Stoddard on Friday morning.

Mr. Storey was cashier of the Exchange State bank for a number of years and was assistant postmaster here when Robert Scott was postmaster. Mr. Storey was prominent in republican politics, being beaten for mayor by Dr. W. A. Anderson by forty-two votes. He was a strong adherent of Senator Robert Marion La Follette when the senator first sprang into prominence. Mr. Storey arranged La Follette's first speaking date in La Crosse.

He is transacting business and visiting old friends after an absence of five years. Mr. Storey is now one of the best known lumber dealers of the Pacific slope.

"The matter of getting laborers is difficult. We thought they would be staidier when the state of Washington voted 'dry.' The laborer used to earn a good sum and then 'blow' it in a single night. Now there is no whiskey and he can loaf on the proceeds of his work for several weeks at a time."

## ONLY MAILS CARRY CHRISTMAS GOODIES INTO MINNESOTA

Christmas nuts and fruit are worth their weight in gold, figuratively speaking, in homes in Caledonia, Preston, Harmony and other Minnesota villages on the Reno-Preston branch of the Milwaukee railroad, and the residents can only obtain them in quantities which Uncle Sam can handle on his parcel post system and by express. Christmas holly and mistletoe promise to be curiosities in the Minnesota towns.

The scarcities are due to the embargoes which the Milwaukee road has placed on all perishable freight, declared John C. Burns, prominent fruit dealer here on Friday.

Mr. Burns made known the fact that unless something happened quick La Crosse would be without a single banana on Christmas Day.

"Other fruit is going to be mighty scarce," said the fruit man. "It is all due to the sudden cold snap and the scarcity of cars—particularly the former. Fruit freeze in this weather even in the heated refrigerator cars."

Fifty per cent of the celery which will make its appearance on tables in La Crosse homes at the Friday evening meal will have come by parcel post and express.

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SAYS U. S. IN CASE OF  
WAR WOULD HAVE USE  
OF BETHLEHEM PLANT

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—If the United States should enter war the munitions plant of the Bethlehem Steel company, greater than the famous Krupp works at Essen, Germany, would be turned over to the uses of this government. Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel company, said in addressing the members of the Lotus club. With a capacity of one million rounds of heavy ammunition a month, Schwab says his plant was fifty per cent more efficient than the Krupp works. He characterized it as one of the greatest preparedness assets of the United States.

ASK GOVERNOR TO  
CONFISCATE COAL

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 22.—A coal famine at Goltzy, Alfalfa county, caused citizens of that city to wire Governor Williams Thursday asking permission to confiscate the first car of coal that passed through. "A fearful blizzard is now raging and hundreds of women and children are suffering," read the message. The governor answered declaring confiscation of coal shipments for public in dire need was not in violation of the law.

BELIEVE TINKER WILL  
PURCHASE COLUMBUS

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—That Joe Tinker, deposed manager of the Cubs, will purchase the Columbus American association, was the confident belief of his closest friends here Friday. His trip to Columbus, Ohio, was taken to mean that negotiations are almost completed.

STOCKMAN IS DEAD

MANITOWOC, Wis., Dec. 22.—Arthur Stericker, 51 years old, head of the Stericker stock farm and business man, died after an illness of five weeks. He was born in England and his aged mother still lives there. A son also survives. Mr. Stericker was known in the state as a judge of cattle and horses.

DAKOTA COUPLE  
WELCOME COMING  
OF LITTLE SON

DAKOTA, Minn.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jones are the happy parents of a baby boy that arrived Wednesday evening.

Bert Trozinski has been very ill at his home near Nodine, with pneumonia. He is somewhat better at present.

Mrs. George King formerly Phoebe Fossett, died Monday morning at a hospital in Brainerd. Mrs. King lived many years, in the vicinity of Nodine and Dakota.

Mrs. J. R. Berry accompanied by Mrs. Wohlert, drove to La Crosse Saturday afternoon to visit Miss Mary Richmond who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the La Crosse hospital.

Clyde Bateman and wife and Mrs. Alvin Bateman motored to La Crosse Monday.

John Hansen from the ridge was in town Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harrington and daughter Lucile were La Crosse shoppers Saturday.

Clarence Smith of North Ridge and Mr. Kingley from Money Creek were La Crosse passengers Saturday.

N. Trinke and son Earl motored to La Crosse Saturday.

Chester Brown was here from the ridge Monday.

Theodore Polman was a business caller here Monday.

Willard Lee of St. Paul visited in Winona last week. He arrived here Monday morning and will spend a few days among old friends and relatives before going to Nodine and Money Creek his old home.

H. Beach of New Hartford, Willie and Vern Lee of Ashton, were business callers here Monday.

George Wilson and Albert Papenfuss drove down from Richmond ridge Tuesday.

Philip Papenfuss of Nodine who was operated upon at the Lutheran hospital, Monday is reported to be in a favorable condition. Mrs. Papenfuss who was with her husband at the hospital returned home Wednesday.

Miss Jessie Dykeman of Ashton spent the week-end with friends in Winona.

Walter Smith called on friends here Saturday.

N. Trinke motored up on to the ridge Monday.

Edward Nagle from Dakota valley was a business caller here Monday.

Charles Nagle returned from the ridge Monday.

August Radsek took thirty-five geese to La Crosse Tuesday.

The ice is in condition so teams can cross to the Wisconsin side now.

The Dixon brothers and H. Haney from Dresbach were in La Crosse Saturday.

Emil Jenke's little daughter is ill with pneumonia at their home on Richmond ridge.

Percy Pratt spent Sunday in La Crosse.

Mrs. Joseph Frappie from Houston, who has been at her daughter's, Mrs. George Strupp, the past two weeks returned home with Mr. Frappie Monday.

George Gilbert and Jake Cewe, Jr., motored to Richmond Sunday.

Edward Marshall was in Dakota Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Harris, Nodine, visited at the Trozinski home Monday.

School in the Dick district will close Friday for a week's vacation.

Among those from here who attended the Masonic banquet at La Crescent Monday evening were W. H. Harrington, Earl Harrington, Edward Sims and John Donehower.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bateman of New Hartford were passengers from La Crosse Monday to Rock Island. They will spend the holidays with friends and relatives in Davenport, Moline and Port Byron.

Vern Lee of Ashton purchased a fine span of nicely matched horses from Walter Frusch of Money Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Sthar from Winona have moved in with his mother on the J. R. Berry farm, at Ashton.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Lee and family of Ashton spent the week-end in Money Creek with his sisters, Mrs. Whitlock and Mrs. Frusch.

Last Saturday John Murray, Claude Wilson and Jerry Shipley left for North McGregor, where they are employed by the railroad company.

Stanley Donaldson from La Crosse was in town Sunday.

Emil Nissalke, Jr., from the ridge was in La Crosse Friday.

There will be a masquerade ball at the Centennial hall in Dresbach, Dec. 23.

Frank Marg transacted business in the vicinity of Nodine Monday.

Oscar Bower moved a load from Little Trout here Monday.

Frank Papenfuss is moving his gasoline engine and sawing machine here to saw wood.

# Christmas Suggestions

## The Christmas Gift Store

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| A Roll Top Desk  | A Chiffonier  | A Morris Chair        |
| A Cigarette Case | A Chiffo-robe | An Overstuffed Rocker |
| A Card Set       | A Foot Stool  | A Book Rack           |
| A Swivel Chair   | A Costumer    | A Pair of Book Blocks |
| A Shaving Set    | A Cellarette  | A Sectional Book Case |

### For Mother, Wife or Daughter

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| A Sewing Cabinet | A Jardiniere Stand | A Phonograph           |
| A Spinet Desk    | A Flower Bowl      | A Pair of Candlesticks |
| A Library Table  | A Parlor Lamp      | A Davenport            |
| A Toilet Table   | A Desk             | A Rug                  |
| A Nest of Tables | A Cedar Chest      | A Buffet               |
| A Spinet Bench   | A Piano Bench      | A Dining Table         |
| A Tray           | A Gate Leg Table   | A Kitchen Cabinet      |
| A Pedestal       | A Piano            |                        |

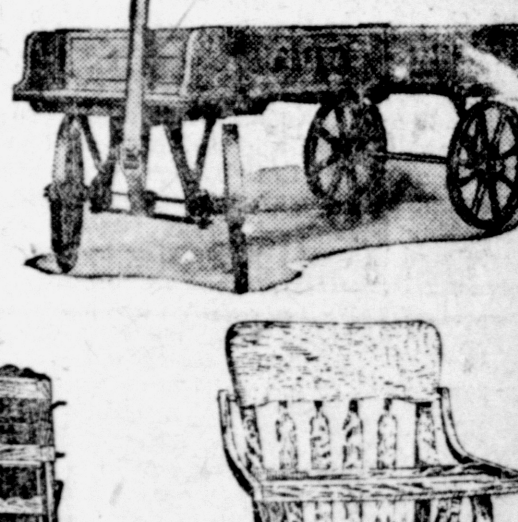
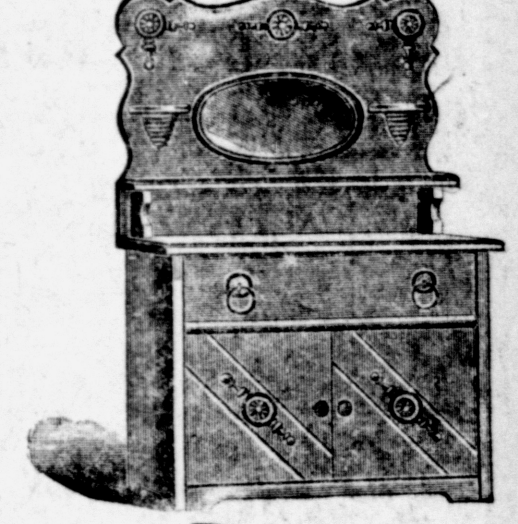
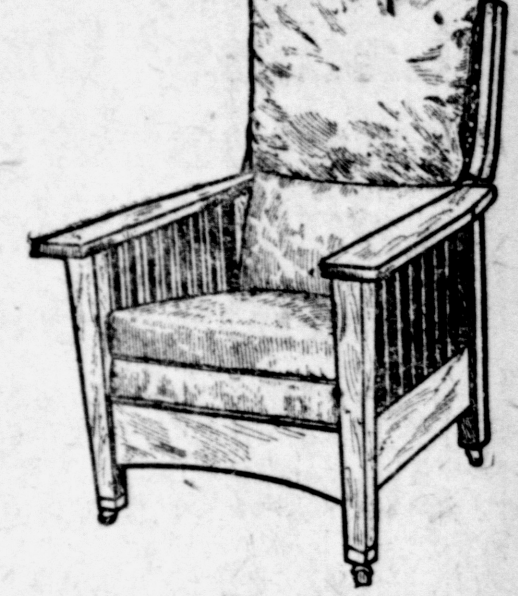
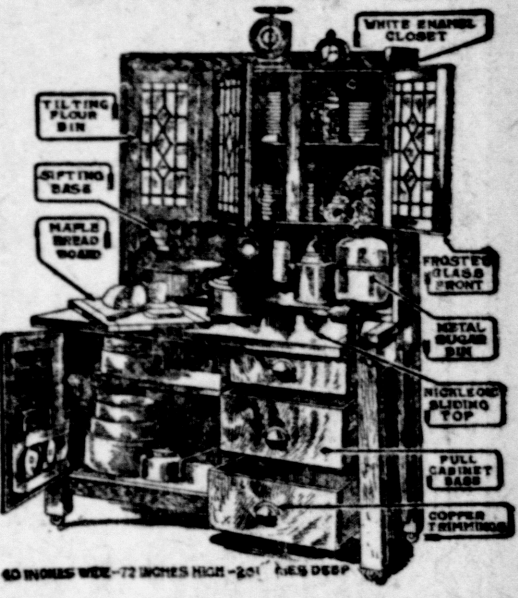
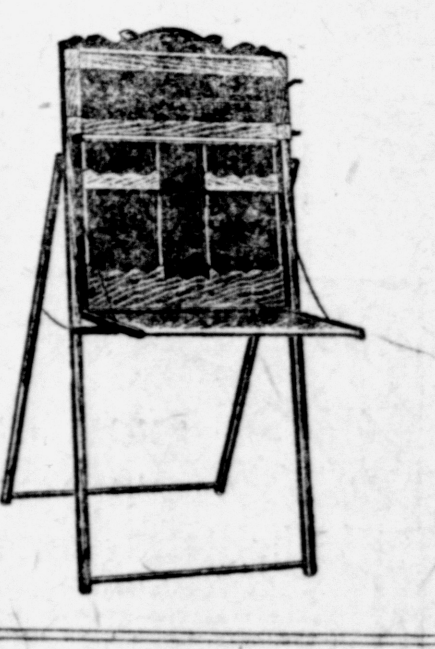
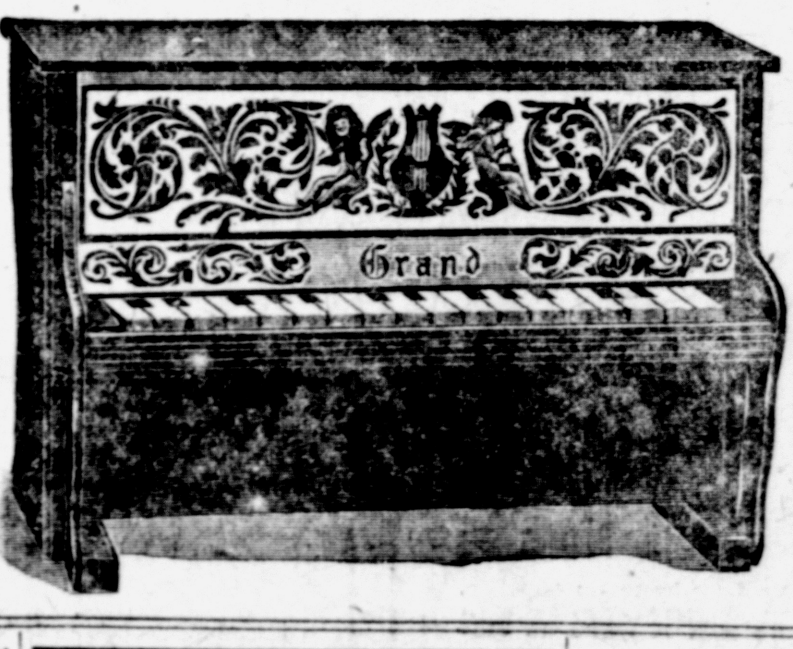
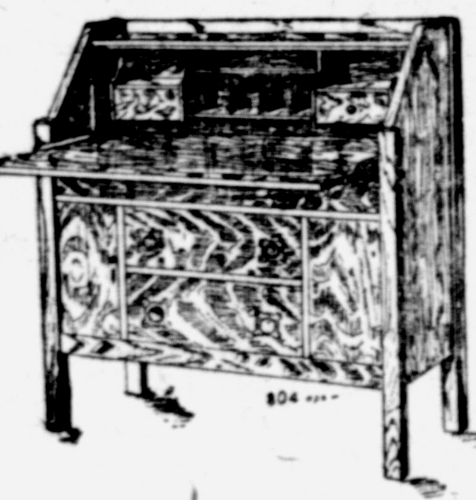
### For The Youngsters

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| A High Chair    | A Wheelbarrow          | A Doll Clothes Chest |
| A Nursery Chair | A Tool Chest and Kit   | A Doll House         |
| A Sled          | A Snow Shovel          | A Teddy Bear         |
| A Wagon         | A Doll Carriage        | A Toy Stuffed Dog    |
| A Chair         | A Doll Dresser         | A Duck, Sheep,       |
| A Rocker        | A Doll Bed             | Squirrel, Monkey     |
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### Normal Notes

Besides the big Christmas program held at the normal on Thursday morning, in which the entire school participated, the various grades of the model school department have enjoyed their individual programs and many of the more fortunate classes were favored with special visits paid to the school by Santa Claus himself. Even the older students in the regular normal courses were not immune from the Christmas spirit and on Thursday night after school all congregated in a Christmas party in the gym. The event found its instigation in the Women's league which invited all the other organizations in the school to participate. Everybody attending the festival was requested to bring a small gift and a lunch. The packages were exchanged by lot and many were the surprises. Dancing rounded out the program.

### TO BUILD BIG TABERNACLE

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A tabernacle which will seat 20,000 persons and provided with a private bath will be built here for Billy Sunday's revival meetings, which begin April 1. The structure will be the largest ever built in New York for a public meeting. The bath will be for Sunday's use after his fights with the devil.

### MAN NEARLY FROZEN

MANITOWOC, Wis., Dec. 22.—August Schaefer, a farmer, was found nearly frozen to death after being thrown from his wagon while en route home. Both hands and a foot were so severely frozen that amputation may be necessary.

### Normal Notes

plan their line of attack for their evening's diversification. The large majority of the student body planned to extend their time at school over Friday evening to witness the first contest of the schedule. Although the normal student loan fund has been in operation but two weeks, the funds of the organization created by the graduating class last June have already run out. With the clamor for loans increasing, the committee is hoping that the letters just recently sent to the thousand alumni of the school will help resuscitate the depleted funds. The tardy appearance of the normal school directory was a source of much interest to the students on Friday. The directory which contains the names of all students, their home and La Crosse addresses, telephone numbers, officers of the various organizations, etc., was compiled by the normal Y. M. C. A. this year for the first time. Because of the fact that a lengthy petition on which were scribbled the names of practically all students in the normal school was presented to the president and the board of normal school regents who make out the year's program, requesting that the student body and faculty be given the Tuesday following New Year's day to enjoy their freedom, the request was granted, it was announced by the

president on Thursday. This will allow many of the out-of-town students to spend the first day of the new year with their parents. The petition had the endorsement of a large part of the faculty also. On Friday a "vote of thanks petition" to show the appreciation of the students was circulated and quickly filled.

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**Jewelry, Your Choice, Saturday . . . 25% Off**  
**Ladies' Boxed Handkerchiefs, Saturday 25% Off**  
**Ladies' Winter Underwear, Saturday 25% Off**  
**Ladies' Fancy Aprons, Saturday . . . 25% Off**  
**Ladies' Corset Covers, Saturday . . . . . 25% Off**  
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**Ladies' Boudoir Caps, Saturday . . . . . 25% Off**  
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### LEGISLATURES OF NORTHWEST WILL CONVENE JAN. 2

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 22.—Legislatures of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota will convene January 2.

Woman suffrage, statutory prohibition and regulation of mining companies will be before the Minnesota legislature. It is believed that state wide prohibition and suffrage will be placed on the ballots of the next state election, as a result of legislative action this session. About two-thirds of Minnesota was made dry by local

option laws enacted at the last legislative session.

In North Dakota, sweeping reforms are looked for from the "farmers" legislature convening January 2. Four days ago, a farmer's co-operative marketing organization, for non-speculative selling of their grain, was organized. As an outgrowth of this organization the Farmers' Non Partisan league has swept North Dakota. Twice in general election the Non Partisan league has swept North Dakota. Her legislature is filled for state owned elevators, and are understood to advocate public ownership utilities. Adversaries of the Non Partisan league have referred to its aims as socialistic.

In South Dakota, enactment of

laws to enforce state wide prohibition, passed by the voters at the last general election, is slated.

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#### FAMILY IS QUARANTINED

WAUTOMA, Wis., Dec. 22.—The family of George S. Pickett has been placed in quarantine on account of scarlet fever.

### CASUALTY LIST OF AMERICANS

LONDON, Nov. 25.—(By Mail.)—Official casualty lists issued for publication here recently included the following dead with American addresses:

W. Skinner, Royal Warwickshire regiment, Colorado; R. Murphy King's Liverpool regiment, Indiana; J. F. Tumulty, Welsh regiment, Boston, Mass.; R. Edgcombe, King's Royal Rifle Corps, Limerick, Massachusetts; B. J. McDonagh, King's Royal Rifle Corps, Montreal, Canada; Corp. J. Loggie, Gordon Highlanders, New York; P. Hickey, Royal Munster Fusiliers, New York; Sgt. C. Adlington, London regiment, Ontario, Canada; M. J. O'Malley, London regiment, Charleston, Mass.; J. Ellis, Manchester regiment, Bideford, Me. (previously reported missing, now reported killed); A. T. Gulliver, Royal Fusiliers, South Minneapolis, (died wounds); H. Putnam, Gloucestershire regiment, Vermont, (died wounds); T. Turrell, King's Liverpool regiment, Mass., (accidentally killed); P. Gorton, Grenadier Guards, New Jersey, (died); H. Osborne, Army Service Corps, Pennsylvania, (died).

The following were reported wounded:

F. Turcotte, gunner, Royal Field Artillery, Ottawa, Can.; M. Carey, gunner, Royal Garrison artillery, Halifax; R. Elsmere, gunner, Royal Garrison artillery, Vancouver; Lance Corp. A. Stimson, Scots Guards, New Jersey; G. W. Townsend, East Kent regiment, Ontario; J. C. Little, Irish Guards, New York; Sgt. W. Lynch, Royal Warwickshire regiment, Lachine, Quebec, Can.; J. Consoloy, King's Liverpool regiment, Montreal; Lance Corp. M. Coyne, Liverpool regiment, Massachusetts; Corp. G. W. Fleming, Gloucestershire regiment, North Carolina; G. Johnson, Gloucestershire regiment, Boston; H. Owen, Gloucestershire regiment, Providence, R. I.; A. Roach, Gloucestershire regiment, Vancouver; Corp. H. Le Blanch, Middlesex regiment, Montreal; S. Paul, Middlesex regiment, Quebec; J. Patten, Durham Light infantry, Eccles, Raleigh, county, W. Va., (Cincinnati Post); Lance Corp. W. S. Ritchie, Highland Light infantry, Montreal; L. Corp. S. Jensen, Connaught Rangers, Rhode Island; T. Whelan, Royal Munster Fusiliers, Brooklyn.

#### WRECK DELAYS SOLDIER TRAIN

GAINESVILLE, Texas, Dec. 22.—Military train carrying Iowa national guardsmen from the border to their home station was delayed here several hours Thursday night and early Friday as the result of a wreck on the Santa Fe railroad seven miles north of here. About a dozen passengers were injured when a south-bound train struck a split switch and left the track.

### WEST SALEM HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS HIGH CLASS PLAY

Senior Class Members Well Received When They Give  
"All-of-a-Sudden-Peggy"

WEST SALEM, Wis.—(Special.)—The "All-of-a-Sudden-Peggy," three act comedy given by the senior class of the West Salem high school on Thursday and Friday nights, Dec. 14 and 15, was a great success. It is hard to realize when we see the ease and ability with which Boyd Casterline, Edward Moran, Marjorie Dieffenhaller, Laverne Battis and Francis Coburn take their different roles in such a good play, that they are only high school pupils.

Much credit is due Prof. Gilbert for the ease with which each character took his part and all were good. The new scenery was quite an addition, and to the senior class belongs the credit for this. The orchestra under the direction of Prof. Mikleson played some fine selections during the evening.

#### Game Club Meets

The annual meeting of the West Salem Protective Fish and Game club was held on the evening of December 12 at the Johnson drug store. This association has been in existence for about thirty years, and since the year 1900 the club has advocated the policy that all money derived from the hunting and fishing licenses should be used solely for the propagation and protection of game and fish. It is opposed to the system of turning any portion of the funds so paid by sportsmen into the general fund of the state.

#### Sportsmen Gather

The Camp Salem Sportsmen's club met last Friday night in the office of D. A. Timbell. Business for the year was transacted.

#### Eastern Star Elects

At the meeting of the Eastern Star last Tuesday evening the following officers were elected: Worthy matron, Mrs. Nellie Gullickson; worthy patron, Wm. Upham; associate matron, Mrs. Maggie Gullickson; conductress, Mrs. Mary Wilcox; assistant conductress, Mrs. Nellie Upham; secretary, Miss Anna Johnson; treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Stevens.

#### Local and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. George Middlebrook of Millbank, S. D., arrived Saturday for a two days' visit with the R. M. Taylor family and Miss Smead. They are enroute for Indianapolis to spend the holidays with their son and his family, and expect to return to West Salem the latter part of January for a longer visit with their many friends here.

The two little children of Dr. Guy Wakefield have been quite ill with the gripe. A nurse was called from La Crosse for them last Saturday. They are both improving at present. Leslie Atwater, who has been in the hospital in La Crosse for an appendicitis operation, returned Monday.

George McDonald is "shut in" with the gripe.

A. Laderboro, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is improving. Mrs. Maud Taylor spent Sunday here with relatives.

The members of the Federated Sunday school are working hard on a Christmas cantata entitled "Santa Claus, Jr.," to be given on Saturday evening at the church in connection with the Christmas tree.

Mrs. Ursula Miller is seriously ill with bronchial trouble.

Mrs. Morrow, the mother of Mrs. Chas. Ferguson, is very ill at Hotel May.

Almost, if not quite, the entire town united to give a welcoming supper to the returned soldier boys on Thursday evening, Dec. 19. The supper was given at the Federated church. The dining hall was beautifully decorated with patriotic colors and those who know what West Salem can do in the line of cooking were not disappointed. An interesting program, not elaborate but appropriate, was carried out. The soldier boys gave some interesting glimpses of their experiences. The band furnished some patriotic music and patriotic songs with band accompaniment were sung by all present. The three local clergymen, Revs. McKee, Otterson and Zimmerman, each gave short addresses. It speaks well for the patriotism of West Salem when she can call a halt in the very busiest season of the year to express enthusiasm for her soldiers. After the supper a dance was given at Robert's hall.

Mrs. C. Bechtold gave a farewell dinner party for her son Carl last Sunday. Those present were Prof. J. E. Gilbert, Prof. John Bender, Messrs. Ben Jones, Floyd Larson, Charles Coburn, Nile Twining, Harry Wilcox, Bert Wilcox, Raymond Rhode and Reuben Cassell. The way these young men made fried chicken disappear was something of a marvel, but what wonder when it was so perfectly cooked. Carl left on Sunday night to take up his work of physical training director in the high school at Eau Claire.

### TEACHERS SCATTER FOR THE HOLIDAYS

With the cessation of school during the holidays, many of the high school teachers have started for their homes. Although today is the first day of vacation, very few remain in the city. Principal Tift will spend part of his time at the home of his wife's parents at Charles City, and the remainder at his own home in Oelwein, Iowa. Miss Alma Wylie will spend the holidays with her sister at Covington, Kentucky. Walter Bell will visit friends in Chicago. Miss Ethel Elliot goes home to Mankato; Normal Mitchell to Tomahawk; Miss Keith to Galesville; Miss Marie Hec-

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toen to Westby; Miss Cora Desmond to Madison; Miss Carly Williams to Viroqua, and Horton Kline and Adele Renard to their respective homes in Indiana. Miss Mary Fowler will visit her parents in Fond du Lac. Miss Fowler is the daughter of Judge A. C. Fowler, who held court for Judge Higbee here recently. Frank Jameson will go to Kickapoo; Emmett Hassett to Merrill, and Miss Maude Neprud to Coon Valley. Others who will spend Christmas with their families are Miss May Dunn, who will go to Madison; Miss Hester Harper, who also goes to Madison; Miss Hester Jacobs, who goes to Oconomowoc; Miss Pearl Knight, who goes to Reolito, and Miss Caroline Ruddock, who will go to Oshkosh. Miss Norah Guertin will spend the holidays with her sister in Pittsburgh, Pa.

### DECISION MAY FREE MEN SERVING TIME

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Judge Windes in circuit court here Thursday held that imprisonment because of failure to pay a fine is illegal, and 1,500 inmates at Bridewell may be freed by the ruling. It was estimated.

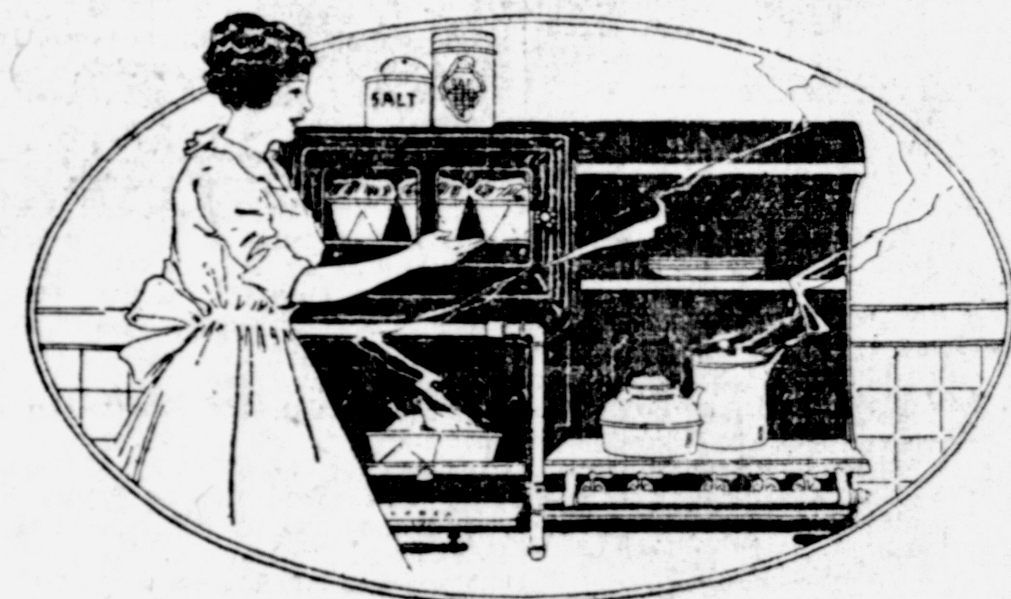
The decision was in the case of two men sentenced to six months' imprisonment and \$300 in fines. They argued that to force them to work out their fines amounted to imprisonment for debt.

### NOTE ARRAIGNED BY OTTAWA PAPER

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 22.—Commenting on President Wilson's peace note, the Ottawa Evening Journal Thursday said: "President Wilson's action may be fairly arraigned on two counts—first, as an unfriendly one to the allies, injuring them by practical co-operation with a German crime and leaving a strong foundation for repetition of the crime; and, second, as either a piece of moral hypocrisy if the president knows in his inner mind that peace at present is impossible, or a lack of decent moral sense in asking for peace before justice is done."

### THREE ENGINEMEN HURT IN WRECK

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 22.—Three engine men were injured and one may die as the result of a wreck of two freight trains at the Burlington-Union Pacific crossing near Yutan, Neb., early Friday. Union Pacific Engineer John Traylor of Beatrice, was the most seriously injured. Engineer C. A. Miller and Fireman J. W. Patrick, both of Sioux City are hurt, but their condition is not serious.



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## FEDERAL PROBER SENT TO OSHKOSH

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Patrick H. Hild, an investigator in the government's inquiry into the high cost of living, was sent Thursday to Oshkosh, Wis., to investigate the coal situation there.

## I. W. W. TO BE SUPPRESSED

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The house of representatives of the Australian commonwealth has passed a bill for the suppression of the Industrial Workers of the World, says a Reuter dispatch from Melbourne. Premier Hughes denounced the organization and its leaders.

## SENATE CONFIRMATIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The senate on Thursday confirmed: Kimbrough Stone, to be United States judge of the Eighth circuit of Missouri; Duval West, to be western district judge of Texas, and Ralph Earle, to be chief of the bureau of ordnance.

## COMMISSION TO SEEK CHANGES IN CIVIL SERVICE LAW

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 22.—A reclassification of the state service so that employees in similar occupations shall go on a uniform salary basis and a law giving the civil service commission power to go outside of the state to fill competitive positions, which in its discretion it believes cannot be filled within the state are the two principal recommendations of the Wisconsin civil service commission in a report which has just been sent to the state printer. The report will be ready for distribution when the legislature convenes.

"Positions at state institutions are most difficult to fill because the wages paid are lower than in any other branch of the service," says the report. "It is very unfortunate that this is true. The blind, the deaf and dumb, the neglected, the insane, the feeble minded and the other wards of the state should have the best care that money can procure. It is to be hoped that the board of control will be able to remedy these matters and make it possible to employ more worthy people at these institutions. Many of the splendid employees at present working at these institutions are doing so only because they realize the great need and they are willing to make financial sacrifices."

During the past two years, 152 examinations have been given by the commission. A total of 4,995 have taken the examinations, of which 2,993, or 59 per cent passed. Of this number 523 have been appointed to positions.

The report of the commission shows the many educational ways, by lectures and otherwise, by which the commission is striving to improve the service of the state.

The commission declares that in order to give the necessary incentive to employees, there must be a just salary schedule, a well worked out system of promotions and a close correlation between educational work and promotional examinations. It is this latter phase of uniform classification of positions that the commission is now striving to bring about.

## DANIELS NOMINATED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The senate interstate commerce committee on Wednesday reported favorably the nomination of Winthrop Moore Daniels for reappointment as a member of the interstate commerce commission.

A minority report protesting against confirmation of Daniels will be made. A bitter contest is expected on the senate floor.

## BOB WANTS U. S. TO GET ACTION ON H. C. OF L.

Says Government Must Grapple with the Forces That Restrict Living Chances

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 22.—Under the title "Rescue the Householder," Senator La Follette discusses the high cost of living and urges the government to take immediate action. His views are contained in the leading editorial in La Follette's magazine. He declares that the combination of corporations are to blame for the rising costs.

"Always the trust profits; always the consumer pays," says Senator La Follette. "The beef trust takes its luscious 'melons.' The grain monopoly takes its heavy toll. The cold storage trust picks the pockets of those who must eat in order to work and to live. The paper trust fattens its treasury, while at the same time checking the dissemination of intelligence among the people. The coal trust holds the consumer to the highest price he can bear in preference to freezing. The leather trust pleads a 'shortage,' yet the high prices prevailing for cheap grades of shoes are prices forced by combination."

"If the government of this country is to carry out faithfully its function of public service it must grapple with these mighty forces—these great combinations—that are today standing between the producer and consumer, and blindly, sordidly creating discontent which, if unchecked, may bring on a catastrophe beside which the food riots of old would appear insignificant."

"Relief from the high cost of living will come only when the rapacious trusts are curbed. Congress and the president will be forced to take palliative measures. The people's representatives in high position will be derelict if they do not come immediately to the rescue of the householder."

## GRAHAM-WHITE WEDS COHAN'S DIVORCED WIFE

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Claude Graham-White, one of England's first aviators and well known in the United States was married to Ethel Levy, divorced wife of George M. Cohan, flying corps.

## MENASHA GIRL WEDS

MENASHA, Wis., Dec. 22.—The marriage of Miss Eleanor Banta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Banta, and Russell Sharp of Kansas City, Mo., will take place on Dec. 28.



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## PROMINENT WOMAN OF NORTH FREEDOM DIES WEDNESDAY

NORTH FREEDOM, Wis.—(Special.)—Mrs. Emma Lamb Seeley, wife of D. W. Seeley, president of the village, died Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the age of 59 years.

Mrs. Seeley leaves beside her husband two sons, James A. of Amarillo, Texas, and Max at home and one daughter, Mrs. Edward Steinbrink, of the village. There are also six grandchildren.

Mrs. Seeley spent her younger life at Maple Hill and all her married life in and near North Freedom. She will be missed by a large circle of relatives and friends.

Local and Personal  
Miss Ella Pawlisch, R. N., who has been employed in Chicago is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pawlisch for the holidays.

Charles Dick who has been in the General hospital in Madison for the past two weeks arrived home Wednesday afternoon.

Harold Hackett who has a position in Berea College, Berea, Ky., is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hackett for the holiday vacation.

## Mermaids Refuse To Wear 'Longer' Clothes In Races

BY H. C. HAMILTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Giggles that have gone from one end of the United States Pacific coast to the other were started recently when the Amateur Athletic union, meeting in New York, decided to keep women swimmers from competing with the male of the species, and as a side issue decreed that there must be a change in the garb worn by the ladyfish.

The A. A. U. highbrows ordained it to this effect: "All women contestants in swimming events must wear bathing suits of a black texture that covers their bodies from shoulder to toe."

The giggle is still giggling, or it was at very recent reports. The mermaids absolutely refused to get excited over the advice and announced that henceforth, just the same as heretofore, they will follow their own inclinations and wear the popular one-piece kind of Annette Kellerman decolette suits.

Several of these sprites declared with a grin tucked in here and there that to insist on women wearing stockings in swimming events is the funniest thing they ever heard suggested.

"I'd like to take some of those men, hang long stockings on them and then make they swim races in rough water," one remarked.

The women are united in declaring that the stockings quickly become water bags, retarding the swimmer and making it almost impossible to race.

Another remarked: "No girl would be able to achieve good time in a suit such as the officials prescribe. The knee and foot must be free. Neither man nor woman in the water feels at home with any fabric clogging the feet and legs. If the costume is insisted upon, it will simply put an end to women racing. But I do not expect western officials to agree to such narrow minded and unnecessary regulations."

One woman well known as a swimmer wants to know why the A. A. U. officials didn't suggest that the women wear hats and shoes, too.

Offering to bet that you are right is a poor argument.

## DRESBACH HAS THE COLDEST DAY OF PRESENT SEASON

DRESBACH, Minn.—(Special.)—Thursday was the coldest day of the season at Dresbach. The thermometer registered 20 below.

Christmas Exercises  
The school teachers have their Christmas exercises this evening at the school house.

Local and Personal  
Miss Elmira Klenk, teacher, will spend her Christmas vacation with her parents at Easton, Minn. She leaves Friday night.

Mrs. E. E. Culver who has been visiting in Jamestown, N. Y., came home Thursday evening.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Horning, Mrs. Jas. Sokolik, Beatrice and Phillip Nichols, William Schools, William Gaskill, E. E. Culver and George Moon were La Crosse shoppers.

The Miller boys are running their new gasoline wood saw in town.

Mr. Kemp reports having seen in the past week in spite of the extreme cold weather birds that do not usually winter in these parts—the Bohemian wax wing, the Cardinal bird, common red wing, black bird, red bellied wood pecker.

Traffic on the ice commenced yesterday. Teams are hauling hay from the Wisconsin bottoms.  
The grand masque ball of the season comes off at Centennial hall Saturday night.

Gilbert Johnson left Tuesday for La Crosse where he will spend the winter.

Mr. Norrace is at the Gente Farm cottage for a few days.  
The Winona county annual convention of school officers convenes at Winona Friday, Dec. 22.

There will be Christmas services at St. James Episcopal church next Sunday at 2 p. m., conducted by the rector, Dr. Hilmer.

Many Dresbach people are planning for Christmas family gathering.

The school family will be at Gust Schools, The Nichols family at John Nichols, the Moon family at George Moon's and the Buerck family at Louie Buerck's.

## WOMAN ACCUSED OF SLAYING MATE FALLS IN COURT

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Iva Barnes collapsed at the conclusion of a two hour cross-examination in the trial for the killing of her husband, James R. Barnes. She was carried from the court room.

Closing arguments began Thursday afternoon, Assistant State's Attorney Justin McCarthy opening the argument for the state.

There was a dramatic scene when, in her cross-examination, Mrs. Barnes denied firing four shots that ended her husband's life. Before that she had been subjected to a severe cross-examination, which frequently brought bursts of passionate denial from her.

## BLAME SHORTAGE ON ROADS

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Coal operators summoned Thursday by Arthur W. Childs, special assistant attorney general in charge of the investigation here of the high cost of living, told him the shortage of coal was the fault of the railroads, not of the

mines. They declared the mines were able to supply all the coal necessary, but that the railroad companies had failed to supply them with cars for shipments.

## SPECIAL COURIER FOR GOV.

STEVENS POINT, Wis., Dec. 22.—Word was received here by Mrs. Margaret Moran, mother of John E. Moran, in the employ of the state department at Washington, is to the effect that her son is enroute to Europe as a special courier for the state department.

FIRE IN LUMBER YARD  
PEMBINE, Wis., Dec. 22.—Lumber sheds of the Norman Land company at Pound, Wis., were completely destroyed by fire.

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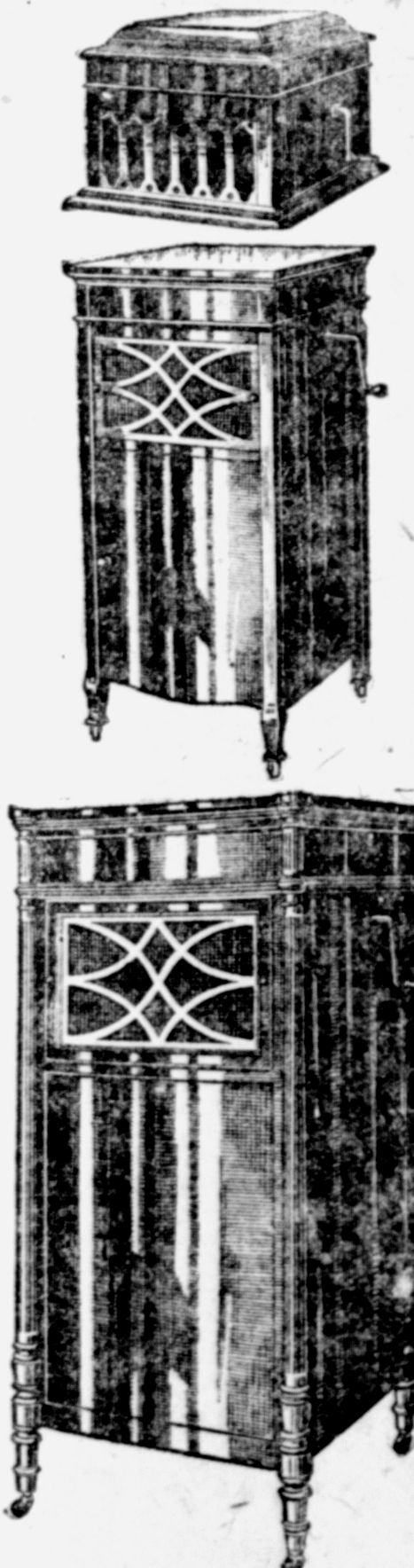
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## Foreign Trade Tips

BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.

**N**OT LONG ago, an Italian firm ordered a couple of motor cars from an American factory, and then, upon their arrival in Italy, refused to accept them. The American concern was outraged and took its grievance to the nearest branch office of the United States department of commerce for advice. "You simply cannot depend on foreign buyers," declared its vice president gloomily to the commercial agent in charge.

"Yes, you can," contradicted the commercial agent; "you can depend upon them being good business men. There must have been a mistake somewhere." As it happened, there



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was—on the part of the American shipper.

After a few hours' investigation, the tariff division of the customs department in Washington solved the mystery. In Italy, it seems, the duty on imported automobiles is based on their weight, the duty on cars weighing 500 kilos—of 1,100 pounds—being one-half the rate on cars exceeding 500 kilos. The Italian firm had stated explicitly that it wanted two automobiles weighing 500 kilos each and four lamps weighing eight kilos. When the shipment arrived the lamps were packed with the automobiles, and the customs officers claimed they were part of the automobiles, which must therefore come under the higher rate; cars weighing more than 500 kilos, in other words, the shipment was \$76 more expensive than it would have been had the lamps been packed separately.

One of the greatest stumbling blocks in the path of the average American business man in developing foreign trade is the tariff of other countries. In most cases he does not know, and if he knows he cannot remember, all of the various duties in each tariff. On the other hand, the foreign importer, to whom all these things are familiar, expects him to know them, and hence raises many misunderstandings. All of these misunderstandings are caused by consulting the department of commerce first instead of afterwards.

There is nothing in the way of tariffs that the tariff division of the department of commerce does not know. If you want to know the duty on rubber sponges in Bolivia, one of the government tariff experts will pull out the drawer of a filing cabinet and produce all the necessary information. The same way with wheelbarrows in China, and palate knives in Persia. There are also many tricks of the trade that it is well for the American business man to know—things in which England and Germany have taken great pains to become familiar. For example, if you are thinking of shipping brass beds to Cuba, the department of commerce will doubtless advise you to pack a few balls of twine or other small articles with the shipment. In this case, all of the articles in the box, and the box itself, will be rated separately whereas, if the beds are packed alone the box and wrapping

material will be considered a part of them and be subject to the same high rate of duty.

In the Latin-American countries the rate of duty on various articles is constantly changing owing to the surtax system. In at least one case, the surtax amounts to 125 per cent of the duty proper. Financial conditions in all of these countries are somewhat unstable, and whenever money is required for a new government building, fort improvements, waterworks or a new opera house, an additional surtax is imposed on imports.

Beside the numerous surtaxes, there is another bewildering feature to the tariff systems of Latin-American countries. That is the method of paying duty. In commenting on this feature, Mr. Demeratzky of Tariff Division says: "Many of the Latin-American countries have fluctuating currencies and in order to insure a certain amount of gold for payment of their foreign obligations, those countries try to collect their customs duties wholly or partly on a gold basis." Brazil, for example, requires that 25 per cent of the duty must be paid in gold, 65 per cent in paper currency, and has many different regulations concerning the payment of surtaxes.

But it is not only in the matter of tariff information that the United States department of commerce

helps the American business man. If he does not get foreign orders, it is not the fault of the department. It puts him in touch with foreign opportunities, advises him how to take

advantage of them, and leaves him to finish the job. In the first place, the department has over three hundred representatives all over the world in the persons of the American consuls, although the consuls are under the jurisdiction of the state department. The reports of these men are sent over to the commerce building by special messenger from the state department; are edited and sent to the government printing office, and then are put in ten hours and has them back on the desks of the chief clerk of the commerce department the next morning. They are then immediately mailed to the branch offices of the department in various sections of the country and also to the American business firms requesting such a mail service.

In these consular reports are all sorts of foreign trade opportunities for the information of the American business man. A consul in Paraguay, for example, reports that the citizens of that country are interested in American shoes. That is a sufficient hint for the manufacturers of American footwear. They write the department for a list of Paraguay retailers buying shoes, and the department consults its files and has the list ready in short order. The shoe manufacturers then enter upon negotiations with the Paraguay firms noted on the list, and while orders do not always follow, they are pretty apt to.

Besides the consult, the department has twenty special agents in different parts of the world constantly collecting samples, photographs, information and special trade facts for the benefit of American merchants; and it also has the services of the ten commercial attaches stationed at the American embassies in foreign countries, who are in reality ambassadors of industry. Their business is to get as many laws passed in favor of American commerce as possible, to settle international commercial disputes and to maintain friendly relations with prime ministers and kings. At the beginning of the European War, for example, Spain was imposing a large transport tax on coal. Our commercial attaché in Paris made a trip to Madrid, inter-

viewed the king, and the king had the tax removed. Since then, American dealers have been making regular shipments of coal to Spanish ports.

A man who is now a commercial attaché went out as a commercial agent to India, from which he made periodical trips into the bordering countries of Afghanistan, Tibet and Baluchistan. In one of these countries were very badly equipped and should prove a profitable field for American second-hand uniforms. It is now no unusual experience for the American tourist in these countries to recognize in the uniforms of these Asiatic soldiers the castoff apparel of American hotel porters, trainmen, messengers, etc., gathered together and shipped across the Pacific by American second-hand clothes men.

The commercial attache at Rio de Janeiro is making a complete study of the Brazilian tariff, which is in the process of being revised, with a view to getting better treatment for our goods. The Brazilian duty on American canned goods, for instance, is very high—practically prohibitory. In Bolivia, our commercial attache, from Lima has been spending the past year in attempting to establish a direct system of transportation of tin ores from Bolivia to the United States. In the past these ores have been sent to England, Belgium and Germany for smelting and then shipped to the United States. Now the idea is to have the tin shipped direct to this country and smelted here. Several American concerns are interested in this project.

In addition to these foreign representatives, the department of commerce has branch offices in eight cities—New York, Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, Atlanta, New Orleans, San Francisco and Seattle. The function of these offices is to receive information of the department directly in the hands of the concerns requiring it. When a consular report comes in stating that there is an opportunity for electrical machinery in Barcelona, the head of each of these branch offices knows precisely which men in his district should be interested in that opportunity. He calls them up on the telephone and asks them to get in touch with the concern and what they are going to do about it. If they are interested, he immediately communicates with the home office and secures all the infor-

mation available on the subject and passes it on to the concerns in question. The contracts and orders that have been placed through this system in the last two years mount into the millions of dollars.

Another function of the branch office is to receive all foreign buyers and agents of foreign concerns who wish to be put in touch with American business interests. They are invited to make their official headquarters at the departmental office; they are introduced to American business representatives of the particular lines in which they are interested, and are given letters of introduction to men in charge of the branch offices in other cities. Mr. Chang Yang, for example, arrives in New York desiring to bring American agricultural machinery. The head of the New York office immediately calls up all the manufacturers he knows who made such machinery and tells them of Mr. Liang's presence at the department office. Mr. Liang is soon the center of a number of agricultural machinery salesmen bent upon making Mr. Liang favor their particular line of goods.

These branch offices have proved so uniformly successful that within the past year the department of commerce has established like systems in co-operation with the chambers of commerce in nine other cities—Philadelphia, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Dayton and Portland, Ore. These offices

are in constant communication with the office in Washington, receive the same information service as the others, and do the same kind of work. The expenses are covered by the chambers of commerce, but the man in charge is trained free of charge by the government and the affairs are supervised by the superintendents of the branch offices.

## TO SHIP RAILROAD TO THE WAR ZONE

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A complete second-hand railroad, including three steel bridges, track and rolling stock will be shipped to the entente allies for use in the war zone just as soon as it can be packed, Herman Sonnen president of the Chicago, Anamosa & Northwestern railroad, said here Thursday.

The road is 32.3 miles long and has three locomotives, two combination baggage cars and two passenger cars. Great Britain recently arranged to buy rails in Canada, to lay behind the French lines and Sonke got busy and contracted to send his entire road.

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Cider, clarified, 1/2 bbl.... \$4.75  
Cider, refined, 1/2 bbl.... \$4.00  
Cider, crab apple, bbl.... \$5.50  
Bananas, 300 to 350 box.... \$4.00  
Potatoes, Irish Cobbler, bu.... \$1.80  
Potatoes, Wis.-Minn., bu.... \$1.65  
Onions, 100 pounds.... \$2.00  
Oysters, per gallon.... \$1.40  
Oysters, standards, per gal.... \$1.75  
Oysters, Seaquets, gal.... \$1.85  
Oysters, N. Y. Counts, gal.... \$2.00  
Cabbage, per cwt.... \$3.00  
Cranberries, Badgers, bbl.... \$7.50  
Cranberries, Banner, bbl.... \$9.00  
Cranberries, Fob, bbl.... \$9.50  
Spanish onions, crate.... \$1.60  
Celery, per doz.... \$2.00  
Rutabagas, cwt.... \$2.00  
Carrots, cwt.... \$3.00  
Apples, Yorks, bbl.... \$4.50  
Apples, Ben Davis, box.... \$3.50  
Apples, Jonathans, box.... \$1.75  
Baldwins, bbl.... \$5.50  
Grape Fruit, box.... \$3.50 to \$4.00  
Oranges, Fla., box.... \$2.50  
Grapes, Almeria, keg.... \$6.50  
Apples, Wagner, box.... \$1.75  
Apples, Rome Beauty, box.... \$1.75

Livestock

(Quoted by Farmers' Co-operative Packing Company.)

Hogs..... \$7.75 to \$9.00  
Cows..... \$3.00 to \$5.00  
Steers..... \$5.00 to \$6.00  
Heifers..... \$4.50 to \$6.00  
Calves..... \$5.00 to \$8.00  
Sheep..... \$3.50 to \$4.00  
Spring lambs..... \$6.50 to \$7.00

Provisions

Pure lard, open kettle rend.... 19 1/2  
Pure lard..... 19c  
Smoked hams..... 21c  
Smoked skd. hams..... 21 1/2c  
Picones..... 15c  
Bacon..... 20 to 21c  
Dried beef..... 26 to 30c  
Loins, pork..... 16 1/2 to 17c  
Shoulders..... 14 1/2c  
Hams, fresh..... 17 to 18c  
Boston butts..... 16c

Cheese Market

(Quoted by Hy. Anderegg)

Fancy full cream brick, cases..... 23 to 24c  
Fancy full cream tins..... 24 to 26c  
Fancy full cream daisy's..... 25 to 26c  
Fancy full cream limburger..... 25 to 28c  
Fancy full cream Swiss round..... 38 to 40c  
Fancy full cream Swiss, block..... 30 to 32c  
German hand cheese, box..... 95c

Butter and Eggs

(Quoted by Hawley Com. Co.)

Creamery butter, pound..... 40c  
Fresh eggs, dozen..... 40c  
Storage eggs, dozen..... 33c

Grain

(Quoted by Farmers' Co-operative Market Co.)

Oats..... \$1.20 to \$1.40  
Wheat..... \$1.20 to \$1.40  
Barley..... 75 to 95c

Flour and Feed

(Quoted by Listman Mill Co.)

Patents..... \$9.20  
Straights..... \$9.00  
Elmco Bran, 100 lbs..... \$3.00  
Elmco Shorts, 100 lbs..... \$3.00  
Elmco White Middings, 100 lbs..... \$3.75  
Elmco Red Dog, 100 lbs..... \$4.00

Feed

Bran, per ton, 100 lb. sacks \$30.00  
Shorts, per ton, 100 lb. sacks \$32.00

BULGARIAN TROOPS DRIVEN INTO LAKE PETROGRAD CLAIM

PETROGRAD, Dec. 22.—The greater part of a Bulgarian detachment advancing eastward to Lake Babadag from Enisal (in Dobrudja) was forced into Lake Ibolota and many were drowned. Friday's official statement declared.

The Russian troops took 115 prisoners.

REPORT DIVER OFF NEW JERSEY COAST

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The American steamship Advance, which reached New York Thursday, reported having sighted a submarine about 100 miles off the New Jersey coast. It's nationality was not learned, and may have been an American vessel.

SAYS FOOD PROBE WOULD COST \$142,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Borland resolution, calling for a food investigation by the federal trade commission, was reported to the house Thursday by Representative Carlin of Virginia, authorized by the judiciary committee to prepare the report.

Carlin quotes Chairman Hurley of the federal trade commission to the effect that the proposed investigation would cost \$142,000 and would consume from 15 to 18 months.

CONVALESCENTS ADD THEIR WORD TO 'T. B.' FIGHT

Members of the Goodfellowship League of Tomahawk Camp for Wisconsin's Tubercular Convalescents, deeply appreciate of what sanatorium cars has done for them personally and realizing from their own experience the vital importance of continuing and enlarging the educational campaign against tuberculosis which is financed by the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals, have issued the following signed appeal to the public.

It comes from those who know whereof they speak, and whose only interest is the public-spirited desire to take an active part in the organized fight against tuberculosis to which they owe their regained health and returning ability to take their place again as wage earners instead of as hopeless invalids.

"TO THE PEOPLE OF WISCONSIN—Some of us have tuberculosis and some of us have had it.

"Are you or any of your family in this class of unfortunate?"

"If so, this appeal will be unnecessary for we know you have suffered enough.

"If not, take our tip and do not get it.

"Are you doing everything in your power to prevent infection to yourself and family?"

For Fresh Air

"Tuberculosis is no respecter of persons. The rich, the middle class and the poor are all subject to it.

"Therefore, be selfish and protect yourself and your family.

"How?"

"By purchasing Red Cross Christmas Seals.

"By demanding fresh air for your children at school and at home.

"Insist on having it at home.

"Demand it at the schools.

"Demand it at the office, store or factory.

"Demand it from the street railways.

"Demand it from the railroads.

"Fresh air and sunshine are the cheapest things we can get.

More Sanatoria

"Demand sanatorium treatment for those afflicted.

"Demand sanatoria for the safety of those not afflicted as well as for those needing its treatment and care.

"We must wipe out the waiting lists at the sanatoria and to do this we must have more sanatoria.

"To wait means infection to others.

"Will you do your share to protect YOURSELF?"

"Do not close your eyes and say: 'It means the other fellow or his family.'

"It means YOU.

"The responsibility rests with you.

"Are you in the fight to win?"

"We need your help. You need our experience.

PURCHASE THE RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEAL.

"GOODFELLOWSHIP LEAGUE. Tomahawk Lake Camp for Tubercular Convalescents, Tomahawk Lake, Wisconsin."

Comparative Markets

This Quotations Show the General Trend of Prices for the Previous Week

LIVESTOCK YESTERDAY

UNION STOCK YARDS, Ill., Dec. 21.—Hogs—Receipts, 43,000; market strong to 5c higher; mixed and butchers, \$9.65 to \$10.30; good to heavy, \$9.00 to \$10.20; rough heavy, \$9.75 to \$9.90; light, \$9.35 to \$10.10; pigs, \$7.60 to \$9.30.

Cattle—Receipts, 8,500; market steady; beefs, \$7.00 to \$11.60; cows and heifers, \$3.85 to \$10.00; stockers and feeders, \$5.00 to \$8.10; Texans, \$8.00 to \$9.10; calves, \$8.00 to \$11.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 14,000; market steady; native, \$8.85 to \$9.90; western, \$8.50 to \$9.90; native lambs, \$11.00 to \$13.10; western lambs, \$11.00 to \$13.15.

Grain

YESTERDAY, WEEK AGO

WHEAT—

Dec..... 154 1/4 153 1/4

May..... 163 1/4 166 3/4

July..... 135 1/4 142 1/4

OATS—

Dec..... 91 1/4 89 1/4

May..... 92 1/4 91 1/4

July..... 91 1/4 90 1/4

OATS—

Dec..... 48 1/4 49 1/4

May..... 52 1/4 53 1/4

July..... 50 50 1/4

JURY IS SELECTED

Jury commissioners on Friday were selecting jurymen for the coming term of circuit court. The term commences January 10. The preceding Saturday will be the usual motion and naturalization day, and closes the present circuit court term.

POOH! THIS ISN'T MARKET RECOVERY AIDED BY SPEECH OF KING GEORGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The recovery of the stock market from the ten day peace slump, with its climax three million share day crash Thursday on publication of President Wilson's peace message, was helped Friday by King George's address to parliament, urging vigorous prosecution of the war.

More than one million shares were traded in the first two hours of heavy buying by speculators and investors. There was indication that bear plungers, who hammered the market down on advance information from Washington, were buying in large volume and that banking interests were picking up stocks for investment purposes at bargain prices.

United States Steel, on a quarter of a million share business jumped to 106 1/2, up 5 1/2 from Thursday's close.

Central Leather had soared upward nearly nine points to 84 1/2; Anaconda was up 4 at 82 1/2, and Cuba Cane sold up 6 to 49 1/2.

The street was full of rumors regarding millions made in a day. Barney Baruch, Tom Lawson, Burton Castles and the names of members of the German group in Wall street were mentioned as having guessed or having been informed regarding the peace developments.

Midvale Steel led the recovery on the curb market, selling at 57, an advance of 5 1/2 from the low mark set Thursday.

A vigorous rally, in which buying was very active, carried prices upward shortly after 2 o'clock. United States Steel sold at 107 1/2 at 2:15 p. m. Transactions of 5,000 and 10,000 shares of Steel became common on the stock exchange floor.

Credible sold at 59 1/2, up four points from its low of the day; Industrial Alcohol was up ten at 113 and Marine preferred sold up 4 1/2 at 93.

Sales for the day were 1,779,000. United States Steel closed at 107 1/2, up 5 1/2; Anaconda at 83 1/2, up 5 1/2; Industrial Alcohol 111 1/2, up 14; and Marine preferred at 92 1/2, up 7 1/2.

The market closed strong.

THE CLOSE

American Locomotive..... 75 1/2  
American Smelting..... 106  
American Sugar..... 109  
Anaconda..... 83 1/2  
Atchafalpa, T. and S. F..... 104  
B. and O..... 83 1/2



## Orchestra Concert Saturday 6:30 to 9:00

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9 A. M. to  
9 P. M.**DOERFLINGER'S**Look For  
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## The Last Day of Xmas Shopping

SATURDAY, THE LAST CALL BEFORE XMAS  
Silks and Dress Goods Make Gifts that are Pleasing to All\$1.50 36 inch Satin Stripe  
Crepe de Chine, yard.... **\$1.29**  
Shown in white and evening colors;  
stylish for separate waists.\$1.00 40 inch Satin Stripe  
Voiles, per yard ..... **79c**  
Come in dainty pastel colorings, fine  
for party gowns.\$1.00 42 inch Diagonal Dress  
Serge, per yard ..... **75c**  
Shown only in the staple street shades,  
ideal for one piece dresses.\$2.50 54 inch Black Chif-  
fon Broadcloth, per yard **\$1.98**  
Rich lustrous black, correct weight for  
suits and skirts.\$1.35 36 inch Black Taffeta  
Silk, per yard ..... **\$1.10**  
Rich, raven black, correct dress weight,  
extra special value.\$1.50 22 inch Colored Costume  
Corduroy Velvet, per yard.... **94c**  
Colors are navy blue, nigger brown and  
Russian green. Big bargain.

## Suggestions from the Corset Dept.

An assortment of practical gifts. BRASSIERES, plain or fancy; BUST RUFFLES;  
SHIRT RUFFLES; SANITARY APRONS; RUBBER BABY PANTS; HOSE SUP-  
PORTERS for children; UNDERWAISTS with or without hose supporters in all  
ages from 2 to 14 years; FERRIS GOOD SENSE WAISTS for your little sister; a  
CORSET for your wife, mother or sister. We will assist you with the size, which if  
not correct, we will exchange after Christmas. **25c** and  
Prices from upA Big Special for Friday Only  
IN THE BASEMENTA 50 page Photograph Album, size 6 inches by 8 inches. This album has  
tissue leaves interleaved on heavy gray paper for photographs. **25c**  
While they last, eachThe Most Important Things of All Are  
the "Goodies" for the Xmas DinnerORANGES—150 size Fancy  
Sunkist Oranges, fine  
color, dozen ..... **30c**  
GRAPE FRUIT—Fancy large  
juicy fruit, 9c; ..... **25c**  
3 for ..... **25c**  
MIXED NUTS—Equal parts of  
all the best new  
nuts, pound ..... **25c**  
MIXED NUTS—A choice mix-  
ture of all new nuts,  
pound ..... **20c**  
GRAPES—Fancy  
Malaga Grapes, lb. .... **20c**  
OLIVES—Large Queen  
Olives, quart ..... **30c**  
PICKLES—German Dills or  
medium Sour Pickles,  
half gallon ..... **15c**  
MINCE MEAT—Batavia brand  
extra fancy Bulk Mince  
Meat, pound ..... **20c**  
FIGS—Monsoon brand washed  
Figs, 1 pound ..... **25c**ASPARAGUS—Aurora brand  
Asparagus Spears, No.  
1 can 15c; 3 for ..... **40c**  
Animal Cookies, Colored  
Sugar, Candied Cherries,  
Pineapple, Angelica and As-  
sorted Fruits; Sweet and  
Boiled Cider, Pop Corn,  
Figs, Dates, Mince Meat,  
Plum and Fig Pudding,  
Oranges, Grape Fruit, Cel-  
ery, Leaf and Head Lettuce,  
Select and Standard Oys-  
ters, and many other good  
things for the Christmas  
dinner.CATSUP—Monarch brand To-  
mato Catsup, 25c  
bottle for ..... **15c**  
RIPED OLIVES—Gifford's  
Standard Ripe Olives,  
No. 1 can ..... **10c**CRACKERS—Dainty Soda  
Crackers, fresh  
baked, pound ..... **10c**  
PRESERVES—White Bear  
brand Preserves,  
2 pound jar ..... **25c**  
PUMPKIN—Crescent brand  
Pumpkin, No. 3  
can ..... **10c**  
PEACHES—Monarch brand  
fancy California fruit in  
syrup, No. 2 1/2 can ..... **27c**  
RAISINS—Farm House brand  
fancy Seeded Raisins,  
15 ounce package ..... **12c**  
PEAS—Home brand Early  
June Peas, sifted ..... **12c**  
PEAS—Regal brand Sweet  
June Peas, can 10c; ..... **25c**  
3 for ..... **12c**  
CORN—Batavia brand Corn,  
special for Saturday, ..... **12c**NINETEEN DEBATE  
FOR PLACES ON  
THE TOMAH TEAMTOMAH, Wis.—(Special.)—Nineteen boys debated at the quadrangular try-out debate in the high school Thursday evening. The question which was sent out by Lawrence college is as follows:  
"Resolved, That the state boards of arbitration with compulsory powers be established to settle ultra-state disputes."

Students have had no help from the faculty on the question. The regular rebuttal will be given which has never been used before at the try-out. Judges will choose from the nineteen debaters, three teams of three each and two alternates which will represent Tomah at the quadrangular debate with Sparta, La Crosse, Viroqua and Tomah.

## Studio Located

A. H. Grey has recently purchased of Robert Nicke a lot on South Superior avenue on which is now located the Park Studio. Mr. Grey expects in the spring to erect a garage two stories high, twenty-five by one hundred feet, of tile and brick. Mr. Nicke will also build at the same time, a similar building adjoining Mr. Grey's, where he will conduct his business.

## Shamrocks Win

The Shamrocks basket ball team won their fifth game Monday evening, when they played the Tomah Cash Mercantile company team, in the Armory. The final score being 46 to 11 in favor of the Shamrocks.

## Support is Needed

The report of the Athletic association, as to the Galesville game played Saturday, shows that athletics need better financial support from business men and students. The report is as follows:  
Galesville expenses ..... \$46.00  
Armory ..... 12.50  
Allen, referee ..... 4.00  
Bills ..... 2.50Total expenses ..... \$65.00  
Money received ..... \$30.60

Loss ..... \$34.40

## Eight to Graduate

The following are to be graduated from the high school at the end of the first semester:

Edith Bailly, commercial course;  
Edward O'Brien, commercial course;  
Edward Moran, commercial course;  
Selwyn Syverson, commercial course;  
Edna Johnson, teachers' course;  
Paul Rose, German course; Alva Rehberg, German course; Arnold Ziebell, English course.

## Wedding Quiet Affair

Mrs. Martha Ludeking and William Zimmerman were quietly married at the home of Rev. Glaeser on Wednesday evening, Dec. 20 at six o'clock. Only a few relatives were present at the ceremony.

## Local and Personal

The Ladies' Sewing circle of the German Lutheran church will be entertained at a six o'clock dinner at the home of Mrs. H. B. Vaudell on Friday evening.

Miss White of Duluth is the guest of Miss McCullom at the home of Mr. Bruce Irons.

Miss Vida Thompson of the Tomah high school faculty has accepted a position in Evanston, Ill., where she will be an instructor in Latin.

William Snodgrass and Mr. Alfred Bongers, students at Marquette college, will arrive home this evening.

The Misses Margaret Warren and Dorothy Kyle came from Milwaukee last evening.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Roehner and family leave this week for Atlanta, Ga., where they will spend the winter.

Harold Finnerly arrived home from Chicago Wednesday and expects to be in Tomah several weeks.

W. R. McCaul was a business caller in Portage Wednesday.

Lawrence Lueck and Leon McMullen are here from Ripon college for over the holidays.

Miss Minnie Morgan, who is attending the Stevens Point normal school is at the home of Mrs. Geo. Warren during the holiday vacation.

NORTH RIDGE  
SCHOOL HAS A  
XMAS PROGRAM

NORTH RIDGE, Minn.—(Special.)—There will be a Christmas program at the school here Friday afternoon.

Helen Carson spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Will Gerdes of Pine Creek.

The buttermaker of Money Creek motored over the Ridge one day last week.

Doctor Wilson was called to see Mr. Albrecht last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Thesing did Christmas shopping at La Crosse on Tuesday.

Philip Papenfuss underwent an operation at the Lutheran hospital at La Crosse Monday morning.

John Karsten was a caller at Pine Creek Thursday.

Leonard Brown of Dakota Valley was a Ridge caller Wednesday.

Viola Husman spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. L. Williams.

Mrs. Fred Schumacher and daughter, Ella, are spending a few days with Mrs. Emil Jeske.

Will Suffrins motored to Winona last Tuesday.

Adolph Nissahlke is spending a few days at the Philip Papenfuss home.

Ellen Flanagan is visiting with relatives in Winona.

Pat Kingsley returned to his home at Money Creek Monday after visiting a few days with his sister, Mrs. Clarence Smith.

George Foster transacted business at La Crosse Tuesday.

Helen Karsten was a visitor at La Crosse Tuesday.

John Johnson was a caller at Nodine Wednesday.

Lucy Lee returned to her home on the Ridge Sunday from South

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Ridge, where she spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Julius Mark.

Henry Husman visited with relatives at Ashton Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lee were visitors at Dakota Friday.

Julius Mark of South Ridge, was a caller on the Ridge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schroeder drove to La Crosse Monday.

Emory Papenfuss motored to La Crosse Sunday.

Gus Emily was a caller at Nodine on Wednesday.

Louise Pagel was a visitor at La Crosse on Monday.

Jule Zenke was a business caller at John Schroeder's Monday.

John Flanagan, Sr., made a business trip to La Crosse Wednesday.

The American Society of Equity

held their annual meeting in the hall on Wednesday evening.

Joe Lee and wife of Dakota, visited with their son, Sam Lee, of this Ridge Wednesday.

Grace Smith visited at the Bill Luce home on Sunday.

Herman Voss was a caller at La Crosse caller Monday.

Charley Bedtky was a business caller at Winona Wednesday.

Mrs. Paul Zenke did Christmas shopping at La Crosse Monday.

Paul Zessin was a caller at John Schroeder's Tuesday.

Roy Lee drove to South Ridge on Monday to visit with relatives.

Tom and Abe Kingsley and Clarence Smith were visitors at La Crosse Saturday.

Willard Lee of Winona is visiting

with friends and relatives on the Ridge for a few days.

Mr. Miller of La Crosse made a trip over the Ridge this week buying furs and hides.

Paul Papenfuss went to La Crosse Saturday to visit his brother, who is in one of the hospitals there.

Mrs. Pagle spent Sunday evening with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Schroeder.

## M'GOVERN A VICTOR

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 22.—Benny McGovern, featherweight, successfully "came back" when he outpointed Billy Cole in ten rounds Thursday night.

Lap-land is the country for small children.

## SPORTS

AMERICAN TOUR OF  
LES DARCY WILL BE  
UNDER CALIFORNIANAustralian Expected to Land in  
East Saturday; Dillon-Gibbons-Carpentier-Willard?

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Jack Kearns of California, who obtained a contract to manage Les Darcy's American tour, left here Friday to meet the Australian fighter on his arrival in the United States.

Kearns, with Jack Curley of New York and Tom Jones, manager of Jess Willard, held a conference here

Thursday and mapped out Darcy's program. Kearns, it is reported, has sold a fifty per cent interest in his Darcy contract to Jack Curley, who in turn let Tom Jones in on fifty per cent of his share. Darcy will be shown off behind the footlights while three or four minor bouts are being arranged. After these are out of the way, it is planned to have him face Jack Dillon or Mike Gibbons in a big scrap. If Darcy wins, he is to meet Carpentier, and the winner will fight Jess Willard in the climax of the season.

Darcy is said to be making his ocean trip as a favor to avoid any possibility of being detained under immigration laws. He left Australia a few days before he was eligible for the army.

## Expected Saturday

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Les Darcy, Australian pugilistic phenom, will reach New York Saturday, according to Tex Rickard, the fight promoter. Rickard has been in constant touch with Darcy since he left Australia.

Darcy is a passenger on the Standard Oil steamship Cushing.

The Cushing has not been expected to reach the United States until next Tuesday. Word has been received, however, that she is only a short distance off Sandy Hook and probably will be in port early Saturday.

Rickard is keeping his plans regarding bouts for Darcy secret, but he is known to favor Mike Gibbons, Jack Dillon, Billy Miske or Al McCoy as a starter.

## EUROPEAN CHAMP BEATEN

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Albert Badoud, welterweight champion of Europe, was given a severe beating in a ten round bout with Marty Cross. Harry Pierce and Frankie Callahan, local lightweights, fought a ten round draw.

## BOWLING

## CITY LEAGUE

## Standings

|                     | Won | Lost | Pct. |
|---------------------|-----|------|------|
| Nelson Clothing Co. | 27  | 9    | .750 |
| S. and H. Cigars    | 25  | 11   | .694 |
| Williams' Stars     | 22  | 14   | .667 |
| Maders No. 1        | 20  | 16   | .556 |
| Rodegas             | 16  | 14   | .533 |
| Lotus               | 16  | 20   | .444 |
| Bijou               | 15  | 21   | .417 |
| Maders No. 2        | 15  | 21   | .417 |
| Majestics           | 11  | 22   | .333 |
| Opaccos             | 8   | 25   | .242 |

## Nelson Clothing Co.

|            |     |     |     |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Bollrud    | 189 | 179 | 199 |
| Wittenberg | 144 | 194 | 173 |
| Hayes      | 173 | 187 | 202 |
| J. Gill    | 131 | 162 | 158 |
| F. Roth    | 154 | 191 | 171 |
| Handicap   | 20  | 9   | 12  |
| Totals     | 813 | 922 | 914 |

## Lotus

|           |     |     |     |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|
| Malloy    | 171 | 169 | 170 |
| Barney    | 145 | 165 | 163 |
| Wickit    | 203 | 146 | 124 |
| Fehninger | 139 | 173 | 188 |
| Giblin    | 173 | 197 | 222 |
| Handicap  | 21  | 22  | 23  |
| Totals    | 852 | 872 | 890 |

## MACOMBER LEAVES ILLINOIS

CHAMPAGNE, Ill., Dec. 21.—F. Bartlett Macomber, captain of the 1916 Illinois university football team and universal choice of the critics for all western quarterback, has withdrawn from the university, authorities said Thursday, in reply to a persistent rumor that he had been dismissed. Macomber won his claim to gridiron fame this year when he led his eleven to victory over Minnesota. It is said he will enter business in Chicago.

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